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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
 M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,
 Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 18.6 ha. of forest land in Sy.No.36, Bommavara village and Sy.No.124 of Akkupete village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District for construction of the Rail Depot under Bengaluru-Sub-Urban Rail Project (BSRP) in favour of the Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd, Samparka Soudha, 1st Floor, Opp. Orion Mall, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru -560 010 -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE/252/FLL/202 dated 14/05/2025 on the subject cited above and to further inform that the proposal was considered in the Regional Empowered Committee meeting held on 30/06/2025. The Committee after detailed deliberation decided to seek following clarification from State Government:-

1. The Karnataka State Government is requested to submit the closure order of the Hon'ble High Court with its comments.
2. An exercise to explore translocation of suitable species needs to be carried out. As prepared for the BBMP limits, listing of trees that can be retained on site, translocated/ transplanted could be prepared for the forest area as well, in consultation with the Forest Department.
3. State Government is requested to re-verify the species to be felled in the forest area proposed for diversion and submit the revised tree enumeration list in PART-II of the proposal as certain species like *Dalbergia latifolia*, *Pterocarpus marsupium* etc have been left out of the tree enumeration list.
4. Karnataka Forest Department/ User Agency may re-verify the changes in the boundary of forest area proposed for diversion vis a vis the existing boundary and accordingly, revise the project map and KML file of the area proposed for diversion

in consonance with the resurvey carried out in the year 2023 and its subsequent notification.

5. The User agency may provide an encumbrance free non forest land, free from the existing road and further explore the possibility of shifting the identified CA land towards the RF boundary to make it contiguous with the Ujjaini state forest.
6. As the proposed NFL is bordering villages and agricultural areas, the forest department may incorporate suitable measures in the proposal to protect the NFL from future encroachments.
7. The legal status of the Non Forest Land Identified for CA has to provided, if the proposed NFL, attracts the provision of sub (3) (a) of Rule 13 of VSES Rule 2023, then such land has to provided in double the extent.
8. The State Government has to clarify whether degraded forest land identified for the raising CA plantation has already been treated under any other scheme, if so, alternate degraded forest land may be provided along with KML file, site suitability certificate etc.
9. The site-specific CA scheme shall be prepared for Non-Forest land and Degraded Forest Land. The Scheme shall include provision of planting tall saplings of native species, watering and protection measure etc. so that CA land at maturity has canopy density of minimum 0.7.

It is, therefore, requested to furnish the aforementioned information as desired by REC, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
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3. The Manager, Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd, Samparka Soudha, 1st Floor, Opp. Orion Mall, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru -560 010.