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ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಅರಣ್ಯಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು) ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ Office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)



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To.

The Chief Conservator of Forests Hassan Circle, Hassan

Sub: Re-diversion of 0.94 hectare of forest land in Seege Guddada Kaval Village new Sy.No.74 (old Sy No. 48), Salegame Hobli, Hassan Taluk & District (out of 17.03 ha for land already leased to M/s Suzlon Energy Ltd) for Improvement to road from Seege Veerapura road to Malemalleshwara Swamy Temple road in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Hassan Division, Hassan

Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/45454/2020 [Form -A]

- **Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 03-04-2021 [seeking Stage-[approval]
 - 2. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change. Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRB1294/2021-BAN/111 dated 22-06-2021 [EDS query]
 - **3.** Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 39 FLL 2021 (e) dated 06-07-2021 /Communication of GOI EDS query/

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the above mentioned proposal to Government of Karnataka seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In response, the Government of India vide Ref (2) has raised EDS query seeking clarification and information on the following four points (copy enclosed).

- 1. It may be clarified that whether the proposed Kuthea road is in existence prior to enactment Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and used by pilgrims to visit the temple, if so how the said road has been included in proposal for diversion of Wind Power Project in favour of M/s Suzlon Energy Limited.
- 2. Whether any FOC has been registered against any person/agency for illegal use of road in forest area.
- 3. Whether any alternate roads are available to the temple.
- 4. Recommendation of CCF Hassan dated 23-02-2021.

Accordingly, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (3) has communicated the same to this office and directed to submitting the information/clarification sought by Government of India.

Therefore, you are directed to submit clarification/information sought by Government of India after obtaining the same from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan and User Agency. The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the same to the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy along with copy of Government of India and Government of Karnataka letters communicated for information and necessary action to:

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Hassan Division, Hassan.

2. Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department. Hassan Division, Hassan District 573 201.