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Dated the 28th September, 2021

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 2.632 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No.103, Khurse village, Sampakhanda Hobli, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for establishing Stone Quarry for exclusive use of National Highway project in favour of M/s. RNS Infrastructure Ltd, Bengaluru. -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE 43 FFM 2020 (e) dated 04/08/2021 on the above subject and to request to furnish the following information /clarification: -

1. NHAI project can easily source their material from non-forest area, as the stone quarry material are widely available outside the forest area. PCCF (HoFF) in his letter dated 11/08/2021 has reported that NHAI has other road projects on Goa-Karwar-Mangalore stretch wherein the road work is under progress and huge quantity of boulders have been extracted and also available for further extraction. Therefore, the rationale for recommending the instant proposal may be furnished. Further, the proposal needs to be examined in light of Para 1.15 of the Comprehensive guidelines on Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the requisite details are to be provided.
2. Approved Quarry Plan from the Competent Authority.
3. Status of Environmental Clearance for the proposed quarry.
4. PCCF (HoFF) in his report has mentioned that the forest area is located within 10 km default Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Sanctuary. As per the Ministry's guidelines No.1-9/2007-WL-I (Pt) dated 09/02/2011 regarding declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zone around Protected Area, the mining activities are listed under "Prohibited" category. Therefore, comments of State Government in this regard may be furnished.

Yours faithfully,

(B.N.Anjan Kumar)

Assistant 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.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Project Director, M/s. RNS Infrastructure Ltd, Naveen Complex, 7th Floor, No.14,M.G.Road,Bengaluru

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