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EDS QUERY
URGENT

To,

Deputy Chief Engineer, North-II (Construction)
Southern-Western Railway
No.18, Millers Road
Bengaluru Cantonment – 560 046

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 14.017 ha of forest land in Sy No. 69 of Seebi village, Sy No. 11 & 15 of Chikkaseebi village, Sy No. 36 of Seebi Agrahara Village, Sira Taluk and Sy No. 9, 27& 28 of Thimmarajanahalli village, Tumakuru Taluk and Tumakuru District for laying new Broad Gauge Line between Tumakuru and Davanagere via Sira, Hiriyur and Chitradurga in favour of the Deputy Chief Engineer, North II (Construction), South-Western Railway, Bengaluru

Proposal No. FP/KA/RAIL/22897/2016

- Ref:**
1. This office letter even No. dated 02-07-2020 [Stage-I proposal]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 08 FLL 2019 dated 29-07-2020 [Stage-I proposal] and 01-09-2020 [communication of GOI EDS Query]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter No. 4-KRC 1209/2019-BAN/381 dated 12-08-2020 [the latest EDS query seeking a comprehensive FC Proposal]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the proposal to Government of Karnataka for seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The same was forwarded by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 29-07-2020 to Government of India.

In response, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised the EDS query and informed that as per Para 11.2 of the Comprehensive Guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide letter dated 28-03-2019, any proposal for linear

projects such as roads, railway lines, transmission line, etc., needs to be processed in its entirety for comprehensive assessment of requirement of forest land and consequences if approval for any forest land is not granted. Since it has been now reported that 3.323 ha of forest land in Chitradurga district and 3.53 ha of forest land in Davanagere district are also required for completion of the project, the User Agency may be directed to submit a comprehensive proposal including the requirement of forest land in other districts with all mandatory details and to submit the same for consideration under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Copy of the Government of India letter is enclosed herewith.

Therefore, it is therefore requested to submit a comprehensive proposal including the requirement of forest land in other districts also as directed by the Government of India.

The FC web portal link is being transferred herewith to Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle for further transmission to you through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumakuru Division.

Yours Faithfully



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

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle, Hassan for information **and with an instruction to transfer the FC web portal link to the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkuru Division seeking a comprehensive online proposal including the requirement of forest land in other districts immediately.**

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumakuru Division, Tumakuru for information **and with an instruction to transfer the FC web portal link to the User Agency for seeking a comprehensive online proposal including the requirement of forest land in other districts immediately.**