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F.No.4-KRC1412/2023-BAN/ 1165
Dated the 5th January, 2023

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 33.0507 ha. (revised from 32.2761 ha) forest land in Sy.No.171A of Kanakumbi, Sy.No.63 of Parwada, Sy.No.21, 38 of Bethane, Sy.No.101, 104, 15, 20 of Kalamani and other villages, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District for construction of diversion weir, Jack well cum pump house, electrical substation, pipeline and power line for utilization of (Kalasa Nala) drinking water to Hubli-Dharwad twin cities and other surrounding areas in favour of Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd (KNNL), Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE 163 FLL 2022 (e) dated 30/12/2022 on the above cited subject and to request to furnish the following clarification /information :-

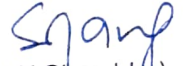
- It is seen that the instant FC proposal has been accepted by the Nodal Officer (FC) on 01/07/2022 and hence in terms of guidelines No.FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 18/07/2022, it has to be processed as per the F(C) Rules, 2022. Therefore, the requisite details of processing as per new Rules including proceedings /recommendation of Project Screening Committee (PSC) may be provided.
- From the alternatives provided, it is seen a proposal for diversion of Kalasa was made earlier also. In this regard, it may be clarified whether the User Agency still intends to pursue the earlier proposal in addition to current proposal or not.
- Details of alternatives considered for the current proposal establishing the inescapability and bare minimum requirement of forest land may be made, since the earlier proposal seems to be of a different magnitude and cannot be construed as a comparable alternative.

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- iv. As per the extant guidelines, Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land has to be provided over equivalent extent of non-forest land. It is also seen that the proposed CA area is having encumbrance. Therefore, CA may be proposed on equivalent unencumbered extent of non-forest land and its details namely suitability certificate, CA scheme, map and KML file may be provided.
- v. Since the project area is close to Wildlife Sanctuaries / Eco Sensitive Zone, specific recommendation and mitigation measures from Chief Wildlife Warden may be provided.
- vi. It is seen that the proposal involves overhead transmission lines. In this regard, the possibility of laying underground transmission lines to minimize the requirement of forest land /tree cutting may be explored.
- vii. Cost benefit ratio may be furnished as per FC guidelines.
- viii. The document enclosed with the proposal being letter No.J-12011/12/2019-IA.I(R) dated 17/10/2019, wherein the MoEF&CC, GoI has made certain observations / prescribed conditions, pertains to the earlier proposal of Kalasa. Therefore, the relevant correspondence /directions, if any, of MoEF&CC pertaining to the current proposal may be provided.

Yours faithfully,



(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)


Copy to:

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 Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Kalasa Project Division, Shivaji Nagar, Khanapur -591 302. Belagavi District.



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