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Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

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The Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment, M.S. Building, Bangalore.

Sir,

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Sub: Diversion of 93.568 ha. of forest land for improvement of National Highway No. 4A from Km. 0.000 to Km 84.120 (Proposed Bypass of Belgaum, Khanapur, Gunji and Ramnagar)in Belgaumand Haliyal Forest Divisionsin favour of the General Manager (Tech)& Project Director, NHAI, Dharwad.

 Ref: 1. Letter No. A7/LND/NHAI/FC/PRP/BGM/2012-13 dated 3-10-2012 of the Chief Conservator of Forest, Belgaum Circle, Belgaum.

2. Letter No. B2/GFL/CR-93/2011-12 dated 26-10-2012 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi.

The Chief Conservators of Forests, Kanara and Belgaum Circlesvide their letters under reference cited above have submitted the proposals for diversion of 93.568 ha. (39.824 ha. in Haliyal Division & 53.744 ha. in Belgaum Division) of forest land in Belgaum and Haliyal Divisions for improvement of National Highway No. 4A in favour of the General Manager (Tech)& Project Director, NHAI, Dharwad under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details are placed herewith.

## Belgaum Division:

The details of the forest land required for the project in Belgaum Forest Division is as under:

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9to, tigned 27th, 4 Desure 211, 24, 210	1.067
(7 13 250 20 Nittur 98, 106, 107/B, 116/2B	1.874
2 A MAY 3312 Khemewadi 4	0.912

			5.260	
4	Hattargunji	52, 26, 53, 25, 55, 54	0.503	
5	Karambal	21, 24	1.549	
6	Gangawali	17,16,23,49,50	0.477	
7	Sindholi	89, 90	3.877	
8	Sawargali	79, 78, 82, 71, 69, 32, 49	0.212	
9	Manikwadi	43	6.293	
10	Gunji	90, 94, 95, 10/A, 11/A	0.002	
11	Naikol	109		
12	Bimbegalli	19 (178)	0.145	
13	Kamatage	86	0.047	
14	Kirwale	61, 62	3.378	
15	Watre	13, 37, 62, 38, 61, 39, 52, 83	8.337	
16	Mohiset	13, 19,10/P	5.861	
17	Londa	53 & 54	2.043	
18	Akrali	187, 149, 1, 11, 79A, 184, 171, 165, 50, 52, 53, 164, 54, 55,	10.100	
		162, 161, 57, 58, 160,158, 59, 157, 60, 61,156, 62, 154, 69,		
		153, 152, 70, 71		
19	Ramnagar	58, 57, 123, 165, 159, 151	1.808	
		Total forest area	53.744	

Details of Chainage for ROW /ROB / Realignment, etc., with regard to Belgaum Division:

Stretch passes through from 15.750 Km to 29.010 Km, 45 MtrsROW (for 4 laning) and from 30.933Km to 60.710Km, 26 MtrsROW (for 2 laning), without any realignment of the existing road, except at chainage 48.100 Km to 48.870 Km where re-alignment is permitted and where ROB would be 45.00Mtrs.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belgaum Division has inspected the proposed site falling in Belgaum Division stretch passing through Belgaum, Gunji and Ramanagar area on 9-6-2012, 30-7-2012, 23-8-2012 and 24-9-2012 and furnished the details in Form-A Part-II. The ChiefConservator of Forests, Belgaum circle is also inspected the site on 23-5-2012, 28-6-2012 and 23-8-2012 and furnished the details in Part-IIIand recommended the proposal for acceptance with the certain observations. The observations include the following:

1. The proposed roadwidening area passes through forests of very rich biodiversity of Western Ghats and receives heavy rainfall. The road

- widening involves excavation, Embankment construction and formation of shoulders drain.
- 2. Proposed road widening area passes through the moist deciduous and evergreen forests between Khanapur and Ramnagar, which is a habitat for Chital, Bison, Leopards, tigers and many other mammals, reptiles and birds etc., apart from seasonal movement of elephants.
- 3. Because of ecological sensitivity and wildlife movement especially Elephants, Indian Gaur Sambar and Deer's and many more endangered fauna and flora. 26.00 Mtrs of ROW width will have more damaging effect on forests and wildlife.
- 4. No protected/ archeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. The stretch falling in Belgaum Division does not form a part of Wildlife Sanctuary/ National Park. However proposed road passes through an important elephant corridor between Wildlife Sanctuary and forests of Khanapur and Jamboti
- 5. Any widening & realignment of the road will attract lot of vehicle movements and increase in speed would result in disturbance to the elephants and other scheduled wildlife in the surrounding forest area.
- 6. Further, approximately 22,622 trees (as per sample enumeration) are proposed for felling in the proposed ROW/ROB.
- 7. Keeping in view the sensitivity of the proposed forest area, consent of the Chief Wild life Warden & Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Bangalore and National Board for Wildlife may also be obtained.
- 8. There is no violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in this case.
- 9. The proposed forest area falls under Eco-Class -I (Very Dense Forests)category.
- 10. The project authorities have furnished the undertakings for payment of CA, Net Present Value and charges for extraction & cost of trees.
- 11. Speed limit condition 50 Km per hour and installing speed breakers at regular intervals may be insisted.
- 12. The User Agency has also furnished the consent letters from Grama Sabha of Nittur, Londa, Mohishet, Gunji, Shindoli&Iddallhonda villages as required under FRA 2006 and FRR 2008.
- 13. The widening proposal may be considered in the larger interest of providing public transportation facility and development of infrastructure in the state.

However, suitable remedial measures have to be taken up by the  $U_{50}$   $0.70^{\circ}$  Agency to reduce the impact considerably on flora and fauna of the region.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests has identified the degraded forest land to an extent of 108.00 ha in Deshnur F.S.No.177 &Rustumpur F.S.No.74 for the raising of Compensatory Afforestation (Double the extent of the forest area proposed for diversion).

## HaliyalDivision:

The details of the forest land required for the project in Haliyal Forest Division is as under:

SI No	Name of the Village	F. Sy. No		
1	Payaswadi	28A1A1	in ha.	
2	Devalli (T)	4A1A1B1B, 155, 148, 146, 149, 4A1A1A1B, 142, 81, 130/A, 130/G, 130/BH, 130AB, 41	20.299	
3	Anmod	57, 86c, 86B, 45, 57A1A1, 46, 87A1A, 87A2, 87A1B		
4	Atle	2	11.001	
			4.130	
	Total forest area			

Details of Chainagefor ROW /ROB/ Realignment, etc., with regard to Haliyal Division:

Stretch passes through the Haliyal Division from 60.710 Km to 75.250 Km, with 26.00Mtrs ROW and from 75.250 Km to 84.120 Km, with 14.00Mtrs ROW.

Further, in the above stretch 1) From Km. 64.800 to 65.708 = 0.908 Km, 45.00 Mtrs ROB is proposed. 2) From Km.66.350 to 66.550 = 0.200 Km,120.00 MtrsROW is proposed for Toll plaza. 3) Realignment stretches are as follows: a) From Km.61.700 to Km.62.090 = 0.390 Km, 26.00 MtrsROW is proposed. b) From Km.63.800 to 64.110 = 0.310 Km, 26.00 Mtrs ROW is proposed. c) From Km.64.800 to Km 65.708 = 0.908 Km, 45.00 Mtrs ROW is proposed and d) From Km.70.900 to Km. 71.700 = 0.800 Km, 26.00 Mtrs ROW is proposed.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Haliyal Division has inspected the proposed site in Haliyal Division stretch passing from Payaswadi village from Km

60.710 to Atle Village at km 84.120 on 7-6-2012, 28-6-2012, 23-8-2012 and 16-10-2012 and furnished the details in Form-A Part-II. The Chief Conservator of furnished the details in Part – IIIand recommended the proposal for acceptance with the certain observations. The observations include the following:

- 1. The road is passing from Tinaighattowards Payaswadi Villageand Atle Village it passes through the Moist Deciduous and Semi Evergreen Dense and Very Dense forests.
- The surrounding forests is habitat for a variety of important wildlife including Tiger, Leopards, Bison's, Elephants, Deer's etc. and the proposed road widening area falls in the proposed Elephant Corridor and portion of it falls in Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary (Notification No.FEE-302-FWL-2011(1) dated 27-12-2011).
- 3. Any widening will definitely have adverse effect on wildlife and forests since it involves large scale felling and land diversion. Moreover increased width of the road will help the vehicles to move at a greater speed causing accidents to wildlife. However, keeping in view the future traffic congestion some improvements for the existing road is essential.
- 4. The road is passing through heavy rainfall area and also through undulating terrain, there is need to take measures to control soil erosion and minimum number of trees to be cut in proposed width.
- 5. There are approximately 13,450 trees are to be cut (The exact No. of trees to be cut has to be re-verified once the boundary pillars are fixed on the ground by the implementing agency).
- 6. There is no violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in this case.
- 7. The proposed forest area contains Moist Deciduous Forests / Semi-Evergreen Forestsand falls under Eco-Class-I (Very Dense Forest) category.
- 8. The proposed area is passing through the Reserve Forest Area and Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary area from Km No.70.80 Km (Right Bank side of the

DuskiNala) to Km No. 84.120 Km i.e. total 13.320 Km and proposed Elephant Corridor. Since the area is notified as Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary, the State / National Board for Wildlife permission is required.

- No protected archeological, heritage sites of defence establishments are found in the proposed area for diversion.
- 10. The User Agency has furnished the consent letters from Grama Sabha of Devalli and Anmod Village only as required under FRA 2006 and FRR 2008.
- 11. The proposal has been recommended with the following conditions:
  - a) The project authorities should pay cost of soil erosion controlling structures to be constructed within the forest area all along the road. The shoulder drains should be suitably covered with stone pitching in order to control soil erosion.
  - b) The project authorities should provide modern Checking gate equipments and other facilities as requested by the department on their own cost.
  - c) Adequate embankment should be constructed wherever cutting and filling is involved and stone pitching should be taken up wherever necessary.
  - d) The project authorities should put up sign boards and educational boards displays on wild animal's presence in this area.
  - e) For providing safety to the crossing animals and avoid road accidents, speeds breakers / rumbled strips should be constructed and animal underpasses should be provided at the identified locations of the animal movements.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests has identified the degraded forest land to an extent of 80.00 ha {(1) Konsheth, TGB-3 (20.00 ha) (2) Jalakatti, TGB-13 (20.00 ha) (3) Devalli, TGB-11 (20.00 ha) &(4) Payaswadi, TGB-17(20.00)} at Tinaighat Range for raising of Compensatory Afforestation.

## ABSTRACT

Sl.No.	Name of the Division	Total Extent of forest area proposed for diversion (in ha)	Estimated No of trees in the forest area proposed for diversion (Approximately)
1	Belgaum	53.744	
2	Haliyal	39.824	22622
Grand Total			13450
		93.568	36,072

In agreeing with the recommendations of the Deputy Conservators of Forests of both Divisions and Chief Conservators of Forests, Kanara and Belgaum Circlesthe following additional recommendations are made:

- 1) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Haliyal has recommended a road width of 14 Mtrs from Km.No.75.250 to Km.No.84.120. However, in light of the fact that the stretch between 70.800 km up to 84.120kmis falling within Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary therefore keeping wildlife conservation in mind it is recommended that thesaid stretchneeds to have an ROW of 14 mtrs.
- 2) The proposed location of toll plaza also needs to be changed as there are areas available nearby with lesser tree growth since this would help in reduction of trees to be felled.
- 3) Since the project passes through sensitive wildlife habitat areas it is felt that suitable remedial measures in order to reduce impact on the wildlife needs to be taken up by the User Agency, at its own cost, as per the plan prepared in-consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden.

However, since the proposed area for diversion, falling within the Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary and Elephant corridorswould require recommendation from the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife and final clearance from Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Chief Wildlife Warden, after giving his specific comments on the proposal, will have to forward the same to the Government of India, through the Forest Secretary after obtaining the recommendation of the State Board for Wildlife on the proposal: (As per the Guidelines of Government of India letter No.6-10/2011 WLdated 15-3-2011).

It is requested to move the matter with the Government of India for according in-principle (Stage-I) approval for diversion of about 93.568 ha. (to be revised as suggested above) of forest land for improvement of National Highway No. 4A from Km. 0.000 to Km 84.120 in Belgaum, and Haliyal Forest Division in favour of the General Manager (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, Dharwadsubject to the conditions in Annexure 'A' appended herewith.

The proposal in 4 sets is submitted for further needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the Chief Conservators of Forests, Belgaum and KanaraCirclesfor information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy Conservators of Forests, Belgaum Division, Belgaum and Haliyal Division, Haliyalfor information and necessary action.

Copy to the General Manager (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, Sattur colony, Vidyagiri, Dharwad-580004for information.

- 1. The legal status of Forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be as forest land.
- 2. The lessee shall pay lease rent as fixed by the Govt. from time to time.
- 3. The lease tenure is for a period of 20 (twenty) years.
- 4. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within one year or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area should be resumed to the Forest Department under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests is authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
- 5. No residential buildings shall be permitted in the proposed forest area.
- 6. The Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Rules, 1969 and other relevant Acts & Rules will be applicable for any violation.
- 7. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised at the cost of User Agency over degraded forest area twice the extent of forest area being diverted at the rate prevailing at the time of approval (at present it is Rs.1,52,000/- per ha.) Or any extent as approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- 8. Avenue Plantation shall be taken up by User Agency along the road on either side (200 plants per km.), wherever required, at the project cost. The plantation shall be maintained at the project cost for 5 years.
- 9. The User Agency has to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land diverted under this proposal as per Orders dated 28-3-2008 and 9-5-2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- 10. Since the project passes through sensitive wildlife habitat areas suitable remedial measures in order to reduce impact on the wildlife needs to be taken up by the User Agency, at its own cost, as per the plan prepared inconsultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden.
- 11. The User Agency should pay cost of soil erosion controlling measures, in accordance with the estimate prepared by the concerned DCFs, to be carried out at the adjacent forest areas all along the road.
- 12. The shoulder drains should be suitably covered with stone pitching in order to control soil erosion.



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BY SPEED POST F.No.4-KRA 1043/2014-BAN Dated the 31st December, 2015

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

Subject:

Diversion of 84.853 ha, of forest land for improvement of National Highway No.4/A from KM. 0.00 to KM 84.400 in Belgaum, Khanapur, Gunji & Ramanagar By-Pass in favour of General Manager (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI Dharwad.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 168 FLL 2012 dated 06/11/2014 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposed road is passing through the forest areas of Belgaum Forest Division, Haliyal Forest Division and Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary. Out of the total requirement of 84.853 ha. of forest land, an extent of 78.43 ha. is falling under the forest areas of Belgaum and Haliyal Forest Divisions (from Km.0 to 70.80) and balance 6.423 ha. is part of Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary.

The State Government was inter-alia requested vide Regional Office letter dated 28/01/2015 to furnish clearance from NBWL and Hon'ble Supreme Court for widening of road in Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary. In the meantime, Ministry vide letter dated 14/08/2015 has also issued guidelines for processing of proposals seeking approval for use of forest land in protected areas and eco-sensitive zone of protected areas. As per the said guidelines.... in case a proposal involves use of forest land both within and outside Protected Area(s), processing of such proposals and grant of approval under the FC Act by the Central Government for diversion of forest land falling outside the PAs will not be linked to recommendation of Standing Committee of NBWL and prior leave of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. All such proposals, which are complete in respect, along with site inspection report, wherever required, will be referred to the FAC or REC, as the case may be, without waiting for approval of the Standing Committee of NBWL and the Horrible Supreme Court. The FAC and REC will examine such proposals and make appropriate recommendation or decision on diversion of forest land which is located outside the PAs, on merit of each case..... In respect of the area falling within the protected area, the same will be referred to the REC only after the prior leave of the Hon'ble Supreme Court for use of such forest land for non-forest purpose is obtained by the concerned User Agency.

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The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) of rule 4A of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 in its meeting held on 18/12/2015 and recommended the proposal for approval for diversion of 78.43 ha. of forest land falling outside the Protected Area (i.e., Km. 0 to 70.80).

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the approval of the Regional Empowered Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its in-principle approval (Stage-I) for diversion of 78.43 ha. of forest land falling outside the Protecled Area (i.e., Km. 0 to 70.80) for improvement of National Highway No.4A from KM. 0.00 to KM 84.400 in Belgaum, Khanapur, Gunji & Ramanagar By-Pass in favour of General Manager (Tech) & Project Director, NHAI, Dharwad, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- The demarcation of the common boundary of the forest area being diverted and the adjoining forest land shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency, before issue of Stage-II clearance.
- 3. Cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over double the extent of degraded forest land including cost of fencing shall be deposited by the user agency. The degraded forest land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India toposheet of 1:50,000 scale and the DGPS readings of the said forest land be submitted to the Regional Office.
- 4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard. The PCCF will ensure that before raising the demand for NPV all documents connected with this application shall be uploaded in the web-portal of the MoEF&CC.
- At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- 6. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project, shall be transferred to Ad-hoc campa in the Savings Bank Account pertaining to the State concerned, through e-payment module of Forest Clearance portal-forestclearance.nic.in.
- 7. The trees standing beyond the berm shall be retained and felling may be done only if it is absolutely essential, with the permission of the local DFO. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

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- 10. On either side of culverts and bridges additional vent width of 2 MM either side shall be provided for facilitating movement of animals above the natural water course. Height of the vent shall not be less than 15 feet. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 11. The NHAI shall permit all the Forest Department vehicles and officials to ply on NH freely without fee at toll gates. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect. Any improvement work undertaken shall not create any block for Forest Departments access to Forest Estate all along the entire length of the NH passing through the forest area.
  - 12. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1985, if required.
  - 13. The User Agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and central verge at project cost, as per IRC specification, with maintenance of 7-10 years. The User Agency shall also submit design of providing at least 2-3 rows of long rotation indigenous trees, as per provision of IRC-SP-21-2009 (Guidelines on landscaping & tree plantation), on either side of the road before

should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water- logging, and also does not hamper the movement of wild animals

- 19. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- 20. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate—fuels to the labourers and the staff working at project area, so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- 21. The forest land should not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- 22. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- 23. No damage of the flora and fauna of the adjoining areas shall be caused.
- 24. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 25. Roadside cuttings and tillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO so as to stabilize the soil.
  - 26. The User Agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- 27. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to this Regional Office of the Ministry, regularly.
- 28. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 29.Additional-wildlife-mitigation measures be provided in consultation with local DCF/CCF, if advised by the Forest Department.

convenience, shall also by applicable

33. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Foresta (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the above conditions from the State Government, formal approval will be considered in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The transfer of forest land to the User Agency shall not be effected by the State Government till formal order approving the diversion of forest land is issued by the Central Government. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of five years. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after five years.

Yours faithfully,

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