



# भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण National Highways Authority of India

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NHAI/12012/STRR/MOE&F(Phase-2)/2/2023-24/PIU-BNG(EXP)/1384

12.01.2024

To

The Director, IA-III (Infra-I)

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Impact Assessment Division

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan

Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj

New Delhi-110003

**Sub:** NHAI-PIU Bengaluru (Expressway) - Development of Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) Phase-II of Bengaluru (NH-948A) from Ramanagara to Peddamadhagondapalli ((km 82.200 to km 140.00) in District Ramanagara and Bangalore Urban in the State of Karnataka and District Krishnagiri in the State of Tamil Nadu under Bharatmala Pariyojana by M/s National Highways Authority of India (Length - 57.8 km) - Environmental Clearance - reg.

Ref:

1. Environmental Clearance proposal no. IA/KA/INFRA1/406866/2022 dt.17.11.2022
2. Additional details sought by MS dt. 25.10.2023

Sir,

This is with reference to the Environmental Clearance for the subject project, an ADS has been raised by MoEF&CC on 25.10.2023 which reads as under:

**"Competent Authority has approved the proposal. Kindly submit the Stage-1 forest clearance so that EC letter can be issued"**

In this regard, it is to inform that Forest Diversion Proposal for subject project was submitted on Parivesh dated 11/09/2020, having proposal number FP/KA/ROAD/49295/2020. The forest diversion is recommended by State Government to MoEF&CC. However, MoEF&CC has directed that the forest clearance can be considered only after the recommendation of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife as per para 12.4 of the handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines.

Further, it is to inform that a proposal for Wildlife Clearance has been submitted with proposal number WL/KA/ROAD/448255/2023. During the 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife held on 17.11.2023 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), SCNBWL has recommended the Wildlife Clearance. (Minutes Enclosed)

Based on the recommendation of SCNBWL, this office vide letter no. 1255 dated 23.12.2023 has requested DCF, Bannerghatta for further recommendation of the Forest Diversion Proposal and in turn DCF, Bannerghatta has also recommended the Forest Diversion Proposal to Chief Conservator of Forest vide letter no.1242 dated 28.12.2023.

In view of the above, considering the advanced stage of the Forest Diversion Proposal, it is requested for reconsideration of the Environmental Clearance proposal and grant approval at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,



(D.Archana)

GM(T) & Project Director

Encl: As above

Copy to:

1. The Regional Officer, NHAI, Bangalore - for information please.
2. GM (Tech), KNT Division, NHAI HQ - for information please.
3. M/s LBCPL - for information



ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಬನ್ನೇರುಘಟ್ಟ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಉದ್ಯಾನವನ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560083  
 OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, BANNERGHATTA NATIONAL PARK, BENGALURU - 560 083  
 ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080-29755405 ಇ ಮೇಲ್- [dcfbannerghatta@gmail.com](mailto:dcfbannerghatta@gmail.com)

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎ5/ಬರಾಲು/ಭೂಮಿ/NHAI/ಸಿ.ಆರ್- /2020-21 | 1242 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.12.2023  
 ರವರಿಗೆ,

ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,  
 (ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ),  
 ಜಾರಕಬಂಡೆ ಕಾವಲ್,  
 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ.

ವಿಷಯ: NHA, PIU-Bangalore-Diversion of 11.00 Hectare of forest land in Thattekere Village, Ramanagara District in Bannerghatta National Pak Division for the Development of Phase-II of Statellite Town Ring Road (West side) (Newly declared National Highway-948A) from Ch 82+200 (Near kailancha village) in Ramanagara District of Karnataka to Ch 140+000(near Peddamadhagondappalli village) in Krishnagiri District of Tamilnadu in favour of Project director, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Bengaluru- Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/49295/2020-reg, Dated:11.09.2020-reg.

- ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: 1. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Wildlife Division) letter No.F.No.WL-6/144/2023-WL dated:08.12.2023.  
 2. The Government of India, Koramangala Bengalore Letter No.F.No.4-KRC 1343/2022-BAN/159, Date:17.03.2022.  
 3. ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು (ಪ್ರವೃತ್ತಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಮುಖ್ಯ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಪರಿಪಾಲಕರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ E-Office No.79151, Dated:21.12.2023.  
 4. ತಮ್ಮ ಕಛೇರಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಎ11/ಭೂಮಿ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್-59/2021-22, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.04.2022.  
 5. Smt.D.Archana, DMG (Tech) & Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Bengaluru Letter No.NHAI/12014/STRR/FC(KNT)/ 1/2023/PIU-BNG(EXP)/ 1255, Dated:23.12.2023.  
 6. ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಎ5/ಬರಾಲು/ಎಫ್.ಸಿ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್- /2020-21/91, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.05.2022.

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ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, Diversion of 11.00 Hectare of forest land in Thattekere Village, Ramanagara District in Bannerghatta National Pak Division for the Development of Phase-II of Statellite Town Ring Road ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ The Government of India, Koramangala Bengalore ರವರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನವನ್ನು ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ ಪತ್ರ (2) ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

The Proposal for Forest Clearance can be considered only after the recommendation of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife as per forest conservation of Act-1980 Guidelince, Therefore, it is requested that the recommendation of standing committee of National board, Wildlife may be furnished for further consideration of the proposal, further ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ Guidelince, ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ "Standing committee of National board for wildlife" ರವರಿಂದ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸು ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಪು.ತಿ.ನೋ.

ಅದರಂತೆ, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಗೆ "Standing committee of National board for wildlife" ರವರಿಂದ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಉಪಯೋಗಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರಾದ, National Highway Authority of India, Bangalore ರವರಿಗೆ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ ಪತ್ರ (6) ರಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ ಪತ್ರ ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.11.2023 ರಂದು ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ 75ನೇ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಸ್ಥಾಯಿ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬನ್ನೇರುಘಟ್ಟ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಉದ್ಯಾನವನದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ Elevated corridor ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯನ್ನು ಚರ್ಚಿಸಿ "After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend use of 11 ha from the Bannerghatta National park and 5.7 ha in its ESZ for the proposed project subject to the following conditions ನಂತೆ ಅನುಮತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

1. Strictly follow the Project specific conditions of the MOEF & CC and recommendations of the MOEF & CC and recommendations of the MoEF& CC's Expert Appraisal Sub Committee.
2. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation should be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they would, not harm/kill/hunt/poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
3. Care should be taken not to disturb the wild species and their habitat during work.
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5. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
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7. User Agency shall not alter the alignment proposed at later stages as it will result in change in area tender diversion.
8. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the protected area without endangering the flora and fauna.
9. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
10. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
11. The old road above which this elevated corridor is proposed shall be closed for vehicular movement upon completion of the project.
12. Any other conditions imposed by Divisional Forest Officer.
13. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India;

ಸದರಿ ಸ್ಥಾಯಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಿರುವ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಪತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಅವಗಾಹನೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ತಮ್ಮ ನಂಬುಗೆಯ,

ಸಹಿ/-

ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,  
ಬನ್ನೇರುಘಟ್ಟ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಉದ್ಯಾನವನ,  
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಪು.ತಿ.ನೋ.

ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು,

1. ಗೌರವಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ, ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು (ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಮುಖ್ಯ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಪರಿಪಾಲಕರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರಿಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದೆ.
2. ಗೌರವಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ, ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು (ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ), ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರಿಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದೆ.
3. ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬನ್ನೇರುಘಟ್ಟ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಉದ್ಯಾನವನ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರಿಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದೆ.
4. ಫಲಯ ಅರಣ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಫಲಯ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದೆ.
5. Smt.D.Archana, DMG (Tech) & Project Director, National Highways Authority of India, Bengaluru ರವರಿಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.11.2023 ರಂದು ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ 75ನೇ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಸ್ಥಾಯಿ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ವಯ ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಪಾಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

6/11/23  
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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

F.No.WL-6/144/2023-WL  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Wildlife Division)

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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

To,

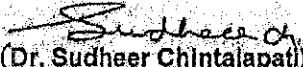
All Members  
Standing Committee of NBWL

Sub: Minutes of 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati)  
Scientist 'E'  
Email: adwl-meefcc@gov.in

Encl: As above


Distribution:

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8. Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar
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10. Dr. H.S. Singh, Member, NBWL
11. Secretary, Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

**Copy to:**

1. PS to Hon'ble MoEF&CC
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7. The Chief Wild Life Warden, Arunachal Pradesh/Andhra Pradesh /Haryana / Himachal Pradesh/ Karnataka/ Ladakh / Maharashtra /Manipur / Tamil Nadu /Uttarakhand /Uttar Pradesh. /Jammu Kashmir/UT of Ladakh /Kerala/Jharkhand/West Bengal.
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Copy also to: Sr. Technical Director, NIC with a request to upload the minutes of the meeting on PARIVESH Portal.

  
(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati)  
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3. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.
4. No harm to any wildlife species shall be done, if found accidentally in the project area.
5. User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, directions of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and orders of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir in this regard.
6. Waste material including muck generated during execution of proposal shall be disposed of outside the protected area.
7. The User Agency shall ensure disposal of solid waste generated during functioning of proposed amenities, outside the protected area.
8. The User Agency shall fence its area with animal proof fencing.
9. The area proposed shall not be used by the User Agency for any purpose other than proposed.
10. The land so allowed to be used shall be returned to the department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.
11. The User Agency shall have to abide by all the conditions laid down in the sanction order/approval issued by the Competent Authority.
12. The User Agency shall implement the mitigation plan submitted through the Chief Wild Life Warden.
13. The lease agreement for the area shall be renewed properly and regularly by the User Agency.
14. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

75.4.8

Proposal for use of 11 ha of forest land from Bannerghatta National Park (3.853 km) and 8.0826 ha from its Eco-sensitive Zone (2.836 km) for development of Bangalore Ring Road (STRR) Phase-II NH-948A) from Chainage 113.250 km to 119.939 km for Ramanagara to Peddamadhagondapalli Road in Ramanagara, and Bengaluru Urban Districts, Karnataka.

**FP/KA/ROAD/49295/2020**

The Standing Committee was informed that the is proposal for use of 11 ha of forest land from Bannerghatta National Park (3.853 km) and 5.7 ha from its Eco-sensitive Zone (2.0 km) for development of Bangalore Ring Road (STRR) Phase-II NH-

948A) for Ramanagara to Peddamadhagondapalli Road in Ramanagara, and Bengaluru Urban Districts, Karnataka.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The Standing Committee was informed that Dr. Sukumar in his email dated 05.11.2023 has mentioned that this proposal for a major highway (ring road) around Bangalore city cuts through the Bannerghatta National Park which is home to a sizeable population of elephants. He has suggested that a site inspection of the area is carried out by a subcommittee of the Standing Committee to examine the animal passage plan prior to giving clearance for the proposal.

The Standing Committee was informed that as per the proposal and elevated corridor would laid over a length of 3.853 km in the Bannerghatta National Park and one km each on both the side of the National Park in its ESZ.

Shri H. S. Singh enquired about the height of the elevated corridor and mentioned that the it should be high enough to allow elephants to pass through it.

The Standing Committee was informed that as per the proposal, the height of the elevated corridor is 8 m and the old road cutting across the National Park shall not be used for vehicular movements.

DGF & SS observed that due to construction of elevated corridor, the existing road would be abandoned.

Member Secretary, NBWL opined that proposal would be ecologically more useful for the animal movement.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka stated that there is elephant movement and the road would be constructed on pillars. Based on the suggestion given by a committee constituted by the Central Government, the User Agency has selected this alignment out of the five. The height proposed for the elevated corridor is sufficient for the elephant movement below.

**Decision Taken:** After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend use of 11 ha from the Bannerghatta National Park and 5.7 ha in its ESZ for the proposed project subject to the following conditions:

1. Strictly follow the Project specific conditions of the MOEF & CC and recommendations of the MOEF & CC and recommendations of the MoEF&CC's Expert Appraisal Sub Committee.
2. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation should be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they would, not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
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10. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
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12. Any other conditions imposed by divisional forest officers.
13. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

**75.4.9** Proposed for use of 1.937 ha for Residential project to be developed by M/s Zanss Projects at Resurvey no. 1/34 & 1/38, Nadama Village, Thripunithura Municipality, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala at a distance of 6.09 kms away from Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary in its default Eco-sensitive Zone.