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No. J-12011/46/2012-IA-I
 Ministry of Environment & Forests
 Government of India
 (IA-I Division)

Paryavan Bhavan
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Date: 28th March, 2013

The Chief Engineer,
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 Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd
 Government of Karnataka
 Upper Bhadra Project Zone
 Chitradurga (Karnataka)

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Subject: Drinking Water Supply Scheme to Tumkur, Bangalore (Rural), Kolar & Chikaballapur Districts of Karnataka by M/s. Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd, Government of Karnataka - Clarification for applicability of EIA, Notification, 2006 - regarding.

Sir,

This is with reference to your letter no. CE/KNNL/UBPZ/CTA/TA-5/TS10/2012-13/1607 dated 18.10.2012 and subsequent letters 20.11.2012 and 26.11.2012 on the above mentioned project.

2. The said proposal has been examined in the Ministry as well as by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for River Valley & Hydroelectric Projects in its meeting held on 26-27th December, 2012. The comments and observations of EAC may be seen in the Minutes of the meeting, which are available on the website of this Ministry.

3. The Government of Karnataka explained that the project is to divert excess floodwater from west flowing rivers such as Yettinahole, Kadumanehole, Kerihole and Hongadallahole located in Sakleshpur of Hasan District and utilize the same for drinking water purpose. The total quantity of water to be diverted is 679.483 M cum (24.01 TMC). Out of 24.01 TMC, 14 TMC of water is to be utilized to provide drinking water to Tumkur and Bangalore Rural Districts via gravity channel and 8 lifting stations/pumps & balance 10 TMC is proposed to be utilized in Kolar and Chikkaballapurs Districts which are facing severe shortage of drinking water. A reservoir with 10 TMC is proposed to be built near Deverayanadurga, Tumkur District for this purpose. Water is to be conveyed to the respective districts through rising main of 80 km long and 55 km long to Chikkaballapura and Kolar respectively. Total land requirement is approximately 1200 ha. Out of which 50% of the land is forest land and the rest is agricultural land. Total project cost as mentioned in the letter is Rs.8323 Crores.

4. The project neither proposes any hydro electric power generation nor proposes irrigation use/purpose to develop any command area.

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5. It is noted that this is a drinking water supply scheme which does not attract the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendment, 2009 although, there are some issues involved like submergence and R&R issues which may be appropriately addressed by the State Government.

6. The Government of Karnataka shall ensure among other things the following steps/measures:

- i. Necessary permission/clearance for diversion of forest land for the project shall be obtained from the designated authority before commencement of the project
- ii. Any other mandatory clearance/statutory permission from any other organization/department is to be obtained by the project proponent
- iii. An adequate R&R plan may be prepared and implemented wherever necessary, with adequate compensation to the project affected families
- iv. Environmental safeguard measures/management plans may be implemented in a timely manner
- v. During the construction period, environmental good practices such as dust suppression/control, noise control etc to be followed

7. The Ministry of Environment & Forests reserves the right to reconsider the matter, if so warranted.

8. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully.



(B. B. Barman)
Director

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary, (Irrigation), Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd, Bangalore.
2. The Secretary, Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, M S building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore.
3. Regional Office (SZ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Kendriya Sadan, IV-Floor, E&F Wing, 17th Main Road, Koramangala II Block, Bengaluru- 560 034
4. Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, 5th Floor, Parisara Bhavan, #49, Church Street, Off M G Road, Bangalore – 1
5. EI Division, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Dlehi – 110 003
6. NIC Cell, MOEF for uploading in MoEF's portal
7. Guard File.

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Date: 16 APR 2013

1. Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, KNNL, UBP Circle No-2, Chitradurga for information and necessary action.
2. Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, KNNL, UBP Div No-9, Sira for information and necessary action.


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