

**File No. 8-39/2003-FC (Vol.)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment,  
Government of Karnataka,  
Bengaluru

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 4.85 ha. of forest land in North Eastern Block Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for approach road to Mining Lease No. 2487 (an e-auctioned 'C' category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s.Lakshminarayana Mining Company) in favour of successful bidder M/s. MSPL Ltd, Hosapete. -regarding (Online Proposal no. FP/KA/MIN/37101/2018).**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Karnataka's letter No. No. FEE 02 FFM 2020 (e) dated 27.03.2020 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Adhiniyam, '*in-principle*' approval for the said diversion was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 24.05.2021 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The Government of Karnataka has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the '*in-principle*' approval and has requested the Central Government to grant *final approval*.

2. Further, it is noted that the proposal is involved for change in the CA land. After the careful consideration of the request of the State Govt. for change in the CA land and grant of final approval the competent authority in the Ministry New Delhi has accepted the CA land.

3. Further, In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report submitted by the Govt. of Karnataka vide letter No. FEE 02 FFM 2020 dated 26.10.2023 and vide letter No. FEE 02 FFM 2020 dated 23.12.2025 '**Stage-II/final approval**' of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 4.85 ha. of forest land in North Eastern Block Forest (near

Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for approach road to Mining Lease No. 2487 (an e-auctioned 'C' category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s.Lakshminarayana Mining Company) in favour of successful bidder M/s. MSPL Ltd, Hosapete, subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over newly identified of 4.85 ha of non-forest land at the cost already deposited by user agency as per the approved CA plan by the State Forest Department.
3. In addition the additional compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over identified of 4.85 ha of degraded forest land at the cost of the user agency as per the approved CA plan by the State Forest Department.
4. The State Govt. shall ensure that Compensatory afforestation shall be raised within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of final approval and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approval plan in consultation with the approved plan in consultation with the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.
6. *The State Government shall ensure that the KML files of diverted area, shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to handing over forest land to user Agency;*
7. *The State Government shall notify the non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation, which has already been transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department, as Reserved Forest/Protected Forest within a period of six months from the date of issue of approval by the Ministry. The Nodal Officer of the State shall ensure strict adherence to this timeline, and a copy of the notification shall be submitted to the Ministry within the stipulated period.*
- 8 The State Government shall ensure that, compensatory levies for this project, if any to be realized in future from the User Agency, shall be deposited to into the account of CAMPA of the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>);
- 9 The State Government shall ensure that the User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
- 10 The State Government shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- 11 The State Government shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
- 12 The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 13 The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the

- proposal. The total forest land utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.85 Ha.
- 14 The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that 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.
  - 15 The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
  - 16 The State Government shall ensure the complete compliance of the FRA, 2006.
  - 17 The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
  - 18 The State Government shall ensure bamboo plantation and appropriate soil conservation measures on either side of the road.
  - 19 The forest land shall be handed over only after required non forest land for the project is handed over by the User Agency.
  - 20 The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
  - 21 The State Govt. shall ensure that the User Agency shall raise the strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
  - 22 The State Govt. shall ensure that speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.
  - 23 The User Agency shall provide suitable under/ over pass in Protected Area/ Forest Area as per recommendations of the CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC.
  - 24 The period of diversion under the approval shall be co-coterminous with the period of lease be granted in favour of User Agency or the project life, whichever is less.
  - 25 No additional new path shall be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of the construction materials for execution of the project work.
  - 26 The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
  - 27 The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigation measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
  - 28 Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency.
- The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of all the Acts, Rules,

- 29 Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 30 The State Govt. shall ensure that the User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March every year.
- 31 The Violation of any of the these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.16 of consolidated guidelines and clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.
- 32 As per Sub-rule 7 of Rule 11 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 the State Govt. after receiving the 'Final' approval of the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and after fulfilment and compliance of the provisions of all other Acts and rules made thereunder, as applicable including ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), shall issue order for diversion of the forest land.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
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**Copy to:-**

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2. DDGF (C), MoEF&CC's RO at Bengaluru.
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4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.