

No.M1/MNG/Kirloskar/Approach Road/CR-15/2023-24
Enclosures:4 sets of road proposal.

Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari,
Dated:10-01-2024

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA),
Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 3.862 ha of forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near Ranjithpura, Sandur Taluk, Ballari district for access road to mining lease No.2245 (C-category mines, erstwhile lessee M/s Bharath Mines and Minerals) and FC transferred in favour of M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanrao, Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune – reg. **Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/44719/2020 (Form-A)**

Ref: 1)Online proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/44719/2020 (Form-A).
2)Letter No.M1/MNG/Kirloskar/2245/2020-21(Road) dated:03-01-2024 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

In light of the directions issued by your goodself through online portal (1) cited under reference supra, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari in his letter (2) cited above has submitted the hard copy proposal duly recommending for diversion of 3.862 ha of forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near Ranjithpura, Sandur Taluk, Ballari district for access road to mining lease No.2245 (C-category mines, erstwhile lessee M/s Bharath Mines and Minerals) and FC transferred in favour of M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanrao, Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune under section-2 of the Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980.

On going through the self contained report as submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari and Form-A Part-II duly filled by him, the following salient features are forthcoming:

Gist about this approach road proposal:

1. It is reported that an extent of 4.922 ha [3.862 ha (3862 meter Length and 10 meter width in forest land and 1.06 ha in Revenue land] approach road is proposed by the above user agency. In this regard, M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited has submitted a proposal to Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation), Bangalore vide No. FP/KA/MIN/44719/2020[FORM-A] through FC portal for the use of approach road to this mine over an extent of 3.862 hectares.

2. **Extent of Approach road Proposal:** The user agency has submitted proposal for diversion of 3.862 ha of forest land. Details of area proposed for diversion is as under;

Proposed Approach road in Forest area				
Status of land	Length (mtr)	Width (mtr)	Area (Ha.)	Remarks /Status
Forest land	3862	10	3.862	Proposed area falls in Swamymalai Forest Block
Total	3862	10	3.862	

3. **Net Present Value (NPV):** The NPV amount has been revised as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Dt: 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, 06.01.2022, 19.01.2022 & 23.02.2022. (i.e.Rs.12,28,590/- per hectares). In this regard, M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited has submitted the undertaking for payment Net Present Value (NPV).

4. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** Initially, the user agency has identified CA land (patta land) in Sy.No. 62/A1 & 65/B1 of Mittesuguru Village, Siruguppa Taluk, Ballari District. The same has been mentioned in Form-A of this proposal. Further, the user agency has requested and stated that their proposed mining site under Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/41916/2019 is situated within the Uttargudda Wildlife Sanctuary (Chitradurga District). However, due to legal constrains, the Forest Clearance (FC) for this mining proposal at Hosadurga site is found to be not feasible. As such, the user agency has requested to adjust the CA land given in the proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/41916/2019 (Mining proposal in Uttargudda Wildlife Sanctuary) may be adjusted to this instant proposal of approach road i.e Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/44719/2020. [Request letter and undertaking are appended in the proposal].

The details of new CA land are mentioned below;

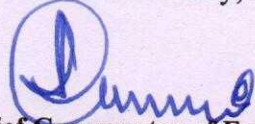
Sl.No.	District	Taluk	Village	Sy No	Extent in Ha
1	Vijayanagara	Hospet	Metri	45/B4A	0.50
2	Raichur	Maski	Bailugudda	67/1	3.50
Total					4.00

The above CA lands are transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department and notified as 'Protected Forest' under Section-33 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 vide Notification No. APAJI 06 FAF 2023 Dt.07.02.2023 & No. APAJI 04 FAF 2023 Dt.07.02.2023. (Copy of the RTC, Mutation & PF notifications are appended in the proposal)

5. The User Agency has obtained Certificate in Form-I under Forest Rights Act-2006 from the Deputy Commissioner vide letter No. BLR-DC-33011/15/2020-BLRDC_Forest-Ballari DC Dt.18.10.2021 over an extent of 3.862 hectares. (Copy of the Form-I is appended in the proposal).
6. It is reported that the proposed forest land is not a part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve and elephant corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 21.38 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 20.24 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 10.92 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 9.63 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

In view of the facts as categorically narrated above, the aforesaid existing approach road proposed for diversion by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari and the request of the above user agency in seeking diversion of forest land over an extent of 3.862 ha for the usage of approach road is quite genuine and may be considered. Therefore, I request your goodself to move the matter with the Government for according prior approval for diversion of forest land over an extent 4.862 ha for diversion of approach road in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli subject to fulfillment of the terms and conditions as enlisted in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The necessary proposal in 4 sets is submitted for your kind perusal and further needful action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

1. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
2. Copy to M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli for information.

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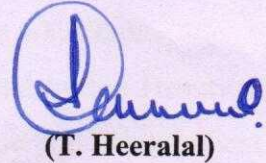
PART-III

(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)

1	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection and observations made in the form of inspection note to be enclosed.	No. However, I agree with the field inspection made by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division in this instant proposal.
2	Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	I agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari.
3	Specific recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	The diversion of forest land to the tune of 3.862 ha. of forest land for approach road to ML No.2245 (C-category mines erstwhile lessee M/s Bharat Mine and Minerals and subsequently FC was transferred in favour of M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Pune) in Swamymalai Block, Ranjithpur, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli may be recommended as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Place: ~~Bellary~~
Date: 10-01-2024

Signature:
Seal :



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Chief Conservator of Forests
Bellary Circle, Bellary