

FORM – 'A'

PART – II

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

State Serial No of Proposal No. **FP/KA/MIN/144985/2021 [FORM-A]**

7.	Location of the Project / Scheme:		Diversion of 19.17 hectares [Revised from 13.98 Ha] Forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Downhill Conveyor System includes Service Road, Approach Road & DHC infrastructure area from Narasimha Iron ore Mine ML No.2148 to BP Plant area infavour of M/s. MSPL Limited, Hospet
	i.	State/Union Territory	: Karnataka
	ii.	District.	: Bellary
	iii.	Forest Division	: Bellary Forest Division
	iv.	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha)	: 19.17 hectares [Revised from 13.98 Ha]
	v	Legal status of forest	: The Forest Land proposed to be diverted for this project is part of the Swamymalai(SM) Block of Sandur South Range declared as Section-04 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Notified vide Notification No. FFD-29, FAF-84, Dated: 28.02.1985
	vi	Density of vegetation.	: Southern Dry Deciduous Type of Forest (Eco- class III)
	vii	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.)	: Tree Enumeration list enclosed.
	viii	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	: The proposed area is situated on a ridge and is having steep slope. Hence, the proposal project may lead to high Soil erosion along the slope, impacting the entire watershed. In this regard, office of the undersigned has suggested the user Agency to prepare Catchment Area Treatment Plan(CATP) to take necessary steps to prevent soil erosion and related impact on the proposed site.
	ix.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	: The proposed area is Swamymalai Block in Sandur South Range.
x	Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	: The proposed forest land is not part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. Further, the proposed area is 21.76 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 20.39 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary. It is 14.62 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 13.20 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary	

	xi	Whether any rare/endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area- if so details thereof	<p>Proposed area has Southern Dry Deciduous Forests. Following are major species of Flora & fauna</p> <p>Flora: <i>Anogeissus latifolia</i>, <i>Grewia tiliaefolia</i>, <i>Chaloraxylon glaucum</i>, <i>Santalum album (Sandal)</i>, <i>Stereospermum chelonoides</i> etc</p> <p>Fauna: Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Hares, Peafowl, Wild pig, Grey partridge, Indian porcupine, Monitor lizard and Pangolin.</p>
	xii	Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	-No-
8.		Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	-Yes-
9.		Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	-No-
10		Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:	
	i)	Details of non forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	The user agency has identified CA land in Sy.No.72/18 (15.157 hectare) and Sy.No.72/16 (part) (4.013 hectare) total 19.17 hectare in Gavali Village, Khanapura Taluk, Belagavi District for raising of Compensatory Afforestation. In this regard, the User Agency has requested the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division, Belagavi to issue suitability certificate.
	ii)	Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	Enclosed
	iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	Enclosed
	iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	Rs. 3,51,96,120/-
	v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	In this regard, the User Agency has requested the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division, Belagavi to issue suitability certificate. Not yet obtained.

11	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	:	Site inspection report is enclosed.
12	Division/District profile:		
	i. Geographical area of the district.	:	4320 Sq.K.M
	ii. Forest area of the district.	:	64032.651 ha
	iii. Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	:	5641.884 Ha and totally 73 cases covered
	iv. Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on (a) forest land including penal compensatory afforestation,	:	1782.93 Ha
	(b) Non-forest land.	:	1390.688 Ha
	v. Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 31.03.2023 on (a) Forest land	:	937.09 Ha
	(b) Non-forest land.	:	1326.807 Ha
13	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	:	The proposal for diversion of 19.17 hectares [Revised from 13.98 Ha] Forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Downhill Conveyor System which includes Service Road, Approach Road & DHC infrastructure area from Narasimha Iron ore Mine ML No.2148 to BP Plant area in favour of M/s. MSPL Limited, Hospet is recommended for further approval under Van (Sanrakshana Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 subject to the condition that, the User Agency has to obtain necessary clarification or NOCs from Revenue authorities with respect to proposed non forest land i.e. Sy.No.110B of Somalapura Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.


 Deputy Conservator of Forests
 Ballari Division, Ballari

Date : 03.01.2024.
 Place : Bellary