

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub:-Diversion of 2.4313888 ha of forest land for proposed Downhill Pipe Conveyor System from Kammathuru iron Ore Mine to PMBR (BMM) siding connection the mining lease No.2678 (Old 2580/1179) – reg.

Ref:-1)Online Application No.FP/KA/Others/31165/2018 dated: 04-01-2018.

2)Online proposal received from the Nodal officer and Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Conservation), Bengaluru on 01-06-2018.

3)Letter No.M1/MNG/SMIORE/Conveyor belt/2018-19 dated:03/11-09-2018 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

In light of the directions issued by your goodself through online portal (2) cited under reference supra, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari in his letter (3) cited above has submitted the proposal seeking diversion of forest land over an extent of 2.4313888 ha for installation of Downhill Pipe Conveyor System from Kammathuru iron Ore Mine to PMBR (BMM) siding connection to mining lease No.2678 (Old 2580/1179) in favour of M/s. Sandur Manganese and Iron Ores Limited, Sandur.

On going through the self contained detailed report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari and Form-A part-II duly filled therein by him, the following silent features are forthcoming and the following facts are brought to your kind notice for taking further needful action in the matter.

- i. The proposed forest land over an extent of 2.4313888 ha where downhill pipe conveyor system is to be established, has been inspected by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari on 02-09-2018 and reported that the forest land is falling in the section-4 notified area of Swamymalai Forest (SM) Block in Sandur South Range, vide Government notification No.FFD:29:FAF:84 dated:28-02-1985. The said proposed forest land is falling under Eco-Class-III southern dry deciduous forest. The proposed project area is 20.36 Kms away from the Daroji Bear Sanctuary and 9.5 Kms away from Gudekote Bear Sanctuary. Hence, This proposal is recommended under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ii. It is reported that the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, the joint survey has been conducted by the Assistant Conservators of Forests, Ballari and Range Forest

Officer, Sandur South Range, the proposed forest land for diversion towards the downhill pipe conveyor project is estimated as 2.4313888 ha.

- iii. The user agency has submitted an undertaking for payment of Net Present Value (NPV) over an extent of 2.4313888 ha after receipt of the getting Stage-I approval from the Government of India.
- iv. In lieu of diversion of forest land 2.4313888 ha the user agency has identified non-forest land in Sy.No.106D of Tumti village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District over an extent of 2.4313888 ha and the same has been transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. Further, they have also agreed to pay the CA charges towards raising of compensatory afforestation over an extent of 2.4313888 ha.
- v. But, as per the recent orders of the Government of Karnataka, the user agency has to identify patta land in lieu of diversion of forest land for the above purpose. In this connection suitable action may kindly be taken on this issue.
- vi. With regard to necessary certificate in Form-I under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, it is reported that the user agency has not obtained the necessary certificate in the Form-I from the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari.

As per directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its W.P.No.562/2009 and guidelines issued by the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) the transportation of minerals needs to be made through conveyor belt and railway sidings.

In view of the facts as categorically detailed above and while agreeing with the self contained detailed report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari, I am of the opinion that the diversion of forest land over an extent of 2.4313888 ha for installation of Downhill Pipe Conveyor System in respect of ML No.2678 (Old 2580/1179) in favour of M/s. Sandur Manganese and Iron Ores Limited, Sandur, may be considered as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The 4 sets of transfer proposal are enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and further needful action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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. Sandur Manganese and Iron Ores Limited, Sandur, for information.

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Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

PART-III

(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)
Fresh proposal for diversion of 2.4313888 ha of forest land in favour of M/s. Sandur
Manganese and Iron Ores Limited, Sandur for installation of
Downhill Pipe Conveyor System.
Online proposal No.FP/KA/Others/31165/2018, dated:04-01-2018.

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| 1 | Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Chief 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, Ballari. |
| 2 | Whether the concerned Chief 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 the Part-II and recommendations of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari. |
| 3 | Specific recommendation of concerned Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons. | This proposal is recommended for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.562/2009 dated:21.03.2017 had directed to install the pipe conveyor belt in the steel plants and it avoids dust and reduces the traffic on the road while transporting through vehicles. |

Place: Ballari
Date: 14.09.2018.

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Signature:

Name : (Santosh Kumar)
Seal : Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.