

No.M1:MNG/CR-8/2005-06
Encls:4 sets of proposal

Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Bllari.
Dated:21-09-2021.

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

Sir,

Sub:-Diversion of 0.32 ha of Forest land to access existing approach road
to ML. No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest
Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s Lakshmi
Minerals, Hospet – reg.

Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/48654/2020 (Form-A)

Ref:-1)Online Application No. FP/KA/MIN/48654/2020 [FORM-A].
2)Proposal received through web portal to the Deputy Conservator
of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari on 31-12-2020.
3)Letter No.M1:MNG:Lakhmi/ML.No.2545/Road/2020-21/922
dated:20-07-2021 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 hard copy proposal for diversion of forest land over an extent of 0.32 ha of forest land to access existing approach road to ML. No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet under section-2 of the Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980.

On going through the report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, the diversion of forest land to access existing approach road to ML.No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District to the tune of 0.32 ha in Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur North Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari district, the following salient features of the proposal are brought to your kind notice for taking further needful action in recommending the said proposal in favour of M/s Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet

It is reported that the said mining lease area has been inspected by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari on 15-07-2021 and found that the proposed forest land is falling in Eco Class-III Southern Dry Deciduous Forest and the proposed area is part of existing approach road and also reported that no cutting of trees is required.

a) Introduction of mining lease under MMDR: The Government of Karnataka, Commerce and Industries Department vide Notification No.CI 29 MMM 2005 Dt.30.08.2005 has accorded approval for mining lease in favour of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals (ML No.2545) for a period of 30 years over an extent of 36.42 hectare. Further, the Government of Karnataka, Department of Commerce and Industries vide letter No.CI 111 MMM 2015 Dt.25.04.2015

has accorded approval for deemed extension of mining lease (ML No.2545) upto 17.04.2057 as per the provisions of MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015. Accordingly, Mining Lease deed under MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 was executed on 02.08.2016 is valid upto 17.04.2057.

b) Details of Forest Clearance for the said Mining Lease: Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (vide letter No.4-KRC161/2006-BAN Dt.12.03.2007) and Government of Karnataka (Order No. FEE 152 FFM 2005 Dt.23.03.2007) have accorded Forest Clearance for diversion of 36.42 ha of forest land in Jaisingapura Village of Sandur Taluk for extraction of Iron ore in favour of M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete is for a period of 20 years. Thus, the present FC approval is valid upto 11.03.2027.

c) Details of this instant proposal for Approach Road;

(i) Extent of Approach Road: M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete has submitted a proposal for the usage of approach road to this mine over an extent of 0.32 hectares. Details of extent of approach road is as follows;

| Points | Length (in meter) | Width (in meter) | Area (In hectares) | Remarks |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Segment-1 | 106.25 | 10.25 | 0.109 | Forest Area |
| Segment-2 | 106.00 | 10.25 | 0.109 | |
| Segment-3 | 98.50 | 10.25 | 0.101 | |
| Total of Forest Area | | | 0.319 or 0.32 | |

Further, the Government of Karnataka has accorded Temporary Permission vide letter No.APAJI 15 FFM 2021(e) Dt.29.05.2021 to use the above (0.32 hectare) said approach road.

(ii) Net Present Value (NPV): The NPV amount applicable as per existing rates (i.e. Rs. 8,03,000/- per hectares) of Rs.2,56,960/- may be recovered from M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete over an extent of 0.32 hectares. In this regard, M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete has submitted an undertaking for the same.

(iii) Compensatory Afforestation (CA): The user agency has identified C & D land in Sy.No.92 of Kallahalli Village, Hospet Taluk, Ballari District over an extent of 1.59 hectares for raising of Compensatory Afforestation. However, same has not been transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. In this regard, M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete has submitted an undertaking.

- (iv) Certificate in Form-I under Forest Rights Act-2006 from the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari is not yet issued. However, M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete has requested Deputy Commissioner, Ballari for issue of the same vide letter dated:01.10.2020. The copy of the request letter is enclosed with the proposal.
- (v) The proposed forest land is not a part of National park, Wildlife sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. However, the proposed area is 8.75 Kms away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 6.58 Kms distance away from Eco-Sensitive Zone of Daroji Bear Sanctuary and 36.70 Kms away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 32.30 Kms away from the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

In view of the facts as detailed above and while agreeing with the self contained detailed report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, I am of the opinion that the proposed forest land for diversion of 0.32 ha of forest land to access existing approach road to ML. No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet, Ballari district may be considered under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The 4 sets of proposal are enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and further needful action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

PART-III

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

**Fresh proposal for diversion of 0.32 ha of forest land to access existing approach road to ML. No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet.
Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/48654/2020 (Form-A).**

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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. Moreover, the diversion sought for is less than 1 ha. |
| 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 of otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons. | Since the diversion of forest land over an extent of 0.32 ha as sought for by the user agency is quite genuine and part of existing approach road, site specific, I recommend the diversion favourably. |

Place: Ballari
Date: 21-09-2021.

Signature: 
Name : (S.S.Lingaraja)
Seal : Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.