



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

No. M1/MNG/JSW/Infra/8.4641/2020-21 (7.417 ha)

Dated: 17.08.2021

To,

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 7.417 ha (Revised from 8.4641 Ha) of forest land for Infrastructure corridor between M/s. JSW Steel Limited and M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt Ltd in Sy.No.74 & 76 of Yarabahanahalli Village in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District & Division, Karnataka (Proposal No. FP/KA/Others/45297/2020 [FORM-A]) – Reg.

- Ref: 1) Online Application No. FP/KA/OTHERS/45297/2020 [FORM-A]
2) Proposal received electronically on 22.01.2021 from of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore
3) M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu letter Dt.18.01.2020, 18.03.2021 & 25.05.2021
4) This office even number Dt. 22.01.2021 & 17.05.2021
5) Letter No.RFO/BLY/Yarabahanahalli/2020-21 Dt.22.04.2021 & 14.06.2021 of the Range Forest officer, Ballari Range, Ballari.
6) Letter No. ACF & TA / B / Yarabahanahalli / Road proposal / 2020-21 Dt.23.04.2021 & 21.06.2021 of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari.

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With reference to the above subject, the M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu has submitted proposal for diversion of 7.417 ha (Revised from 8.4641 Ha) of forest land for Infrastructure corridor between M/s. JSW Steel Limited and M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt Ltd in Sy.No.74 & 76 of Yarabahanahalli Village in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District & Division, Karnataka vide online proposal No. FP/KA/OTHERS/45297/2020 [FORM-A]. The Nodal officer and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru has scrutinized the said proposal and forwarded the same in the online portal. The UA has submitted hard copy of the proposal vide letter under Ref (3).

In this regard, the undersigned has directed the Range Forest officer, Ballari Range, Ballari to conduct field verification through Joint Survey and submit complete proposal for diversion of 7.417 ha (Revised from 8.4641 Ha) of forest land for Infrastructure corridor between M/s. JSW Steel Limited and M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt Ltd in Sy.No.74 & 76 of Yarabahanahalli Village (Proposed Area under Section-4, KFA 1963) in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District & Division, Karnataka in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu.

Accordingly, the Range Forest Officer, Ballari Range, Ballari and Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari have conducted joint inspection on 21.04.2021 and submitted their report vide letter under Ref (5) & (6). A perusal of the records submitted and upon personal visit to the proposed site on 27th April, 2021, it is observed that the User Agency has submitted the proposal for Diversion of 7.417 ha (Revised from 8.4641 Ha) of forest land for Infrastructure corridor between M/s. JSW Steel Limited and M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt Ltd in Sy.No.74 & 76 of Yarabahanahalli Village in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District & Division, Karnataka in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu. Proposed area is land given for

Compensatory Afforestation by M/s. Ballari Steel Alloys Limited, Ballari against the Mining Proposal. The area has been proposed for Notification under Section-04 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The Said area is mostly devoid of vegetation and Afforestation under CAMPA is being taken-up during 2020-21 & 2021-22. Following brief report is being submitted in this regard upon perusal of the records submitted;

- a) **Extent of Proposal:** The user Agency (M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu) has submitted proposal for diversion of 7.417 ha (Revised from 8.4641 Ha) of forest land for Infrastructure corridor between M/s. JSW Steel Limited and M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt Ltd in Sy.No.74 & 76 of Yarabanahalli Village in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District & Division, Karnataka in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu. Proposed component wise details of Area sought for diversion are as following ;

Component-wise Area Calculation							
Components	Forest			Non-forest			
	L (km)	W (m)	A (Ha.)	L (km)	W (m)	A (Ha.)	
Fencing & Gas Pipeline	2.00459	2.5	0.5011	0.095243	2.5	0.02381	
Green Corridor	2.00459	1.5	0.3007	0.095243	1.5	0.01429	
Drain-1	2.00459	1.5	0.3007	0.095243	1.5	0.01429	
Carriage Way-1	2.00459	7	1.4032	0.095243	7	0.06667	
Avenue Median	2.00459	1	0.2005	0.095243	1	0.00952	
Carriage Way-2	2.00459	7	1.4032	0.095243	7	0.06667	
Drain-2	2.00459	1.5	0.3007	0.095243	1.5	0.01429	
OFC/Tele Cables, UG Water Pipeline, HT Transmission Line	2.00459	15	3.0069	0.095243	15	0.14286	
Total		37	7.417	-	37	0.3524	

Village and Survey number wise details of the proposed Area for diversion are as following;

Survey No. wise Village-wise Area						
Sy. No.	Village	Length	Width	Extent	Total	Remarks /Status
74	Yarabanahalli	1221.35	37	4.519	7.417	Forest
76	Yarabanahalli	783.24	37	2.898		
58	Musenayakanahalli	95.243	37	0.3524	0.3524	Non-forest
Total		2099.833	-	7.7694	7.7694	

It is felt that the proposed width of the planned corridor (37m) was on higher side and thus clarification was sought from the proponent about the same (Vide letter Dt.17.05.2021). Giving the details of dimensions/width required for various components of the said project, the proponents/User Agency has justified the proposed width of 37 meter (vide letter Dt.25.05.2021). The Proponents have also given reasons/justification for proposing the said new road against the probability of either using the existing PWD Road or proposing a new road in revenue land.

b) **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. (i.e.Rs.8,03,000/- per hectares). Hence, the NPV amount as per existing rates (Rs. 59,55,851/-) may be recovered from lessee i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu over an extent of 7.417 hectares. In this regard, M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu has submitted the undertaking.

c) **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu has identified the following CA land for Raising of Compensatory Afforestation.

Sl. No.	District	Taluk	Village	Survey number	Extent proposed (In hectares)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Raichur	Lingasugur	Halabhavi	39	8.813
Total					8.813

Above CA land has been transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu has agreed to make payment for Compensatory Afforestation Charges. Further, the User Agency has given the undertaking stating that this land is identified for this project and is not proposed against any other FC proposals.

d) Certificate in Form-II under Forest Rights Act-2006 from the Deputy Commissioner is not been issued. However, M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu has requested Deputy Commissioner, Ballari for issuance of the same vide letter Dt.18.01.2021. Copy of the request letter is enclosed with the proposal.

e) The proposed forest land is not part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and Elephant corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 10.78 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 9.30 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 27.66 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 21.75 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

The proposal for diversion of 7.417 ha (Revised from 8.4641 Ha) of forest land for Infrastructure corridor between M/s. JSW Steel Limited and M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt Ltd in Sy. No.74 & 76 of Yarabana Halli Village (Proposed Section-4 Area under, KFA 1963) in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District & Division, Karnataka in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu is forwarded for further consideration under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This is submitted for your kind information and needful action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Division, Ballari

- 1) Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru for kind information.
- 2) Copy to M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu for information.

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