



USER AGENCY'S STAND REGARDING NOT PROVIDING CA LAND

This is further to the queries raised from your good office, regarding reason for not providing the CA Land for the instant proposal. Therefore, we hereby submit the following facts and reasons:

1. In accordance with the Para 2.1 of the FC Guidelines, it is made clear that the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation is to compensate the loss of 'land by land' and 'trees by trees'. Therefore, we wish to bring your kind attention that the said leased area was being used for the purpose of mining and was diverted under FC Act, 1980 by the erstwhile lessee (M/s. Mineral Enterprise Limited). The said diversion was the case of 'Renewal of mining lease' vide letter no. 8-83/93-FC of MoEF, New Delhi dated **04.04.1997**, which was approved after enactment of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Therefore, the land proposed for diversion was already compensated as stipulated in Condition No. (ii) of the said letter.
2. This is in reference to Site Inspection Report letter no. 4-KRA 979/2013-BAN/5052 dated 28.03.2014 from Regional Office (Southern Zone), MoEF&CC, Bangalore and attached Part-II & Part-III with SIR states, *"Out of 105 ha. diverted forestland, 85.95 ha. was broken up prior to 1980 and remaining 19.05 ha. was unbroken. In lieu of this unbroken area, 20 ha. of non-forest land in Sy. No. 62 of Yalladakere Village of Hiriya Taluk, Chitradurga District has been planted under Compensatory Afforestation during 2010-11. In this regard, the user agency has paid an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs dated 23.8.1995."*

The area in question for diversion in our proposal is already broken up by the erstwhile lease holder including all the existing approach roads and statutory buildings areas. We, as Successful Bidder, are seeking for the same forestland wherein mining lease area is as per CEC Sketch and other components like approach road and buildings are already in existence.

Therefore, we had chosen "No" option as it is the case where area is already broken up for mining purpose and Compensatory Afforestation was done for unbroken area in non-forest lands provided by erstwhile lessee.

However, as mentioned in the queries, we hereby undertake to provide suitable non-forest land for the stipulated extent, if such a condition is imposed by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India for the instant proposal before the Stage-II approval.

It is requested to give relaxation in providing the non-forest land and to process the proposal to avoid the delays.

Place: Ballari
Date: 18.05.2020

Signature of Applicant/User Agency