



F.No. 8-114/92-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
F.C. Division

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Dated: 20.11.2000

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Karnataka
M.S. Building, Bangalore.

Sub: Diversion of 80.93 hectare of forest land at Subbarayanahalli Village in favour of M/s Mysore Minerals Ltd., Bangalore for iron ore mining in Distt. Bellary.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letters No. AHFF 16 FFM 92 dated 9.4.92, No. FEE 16 FFM 92 dated 6.10.2000 and even No. dated 4.3.1999 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 80.93 hectare of forest land at Subbarayanahalli Village in favour of M/s Mysore Minerals Ltd., Bangalore for iron ore mining in Distt. Bellary subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over equivalent non-forest land at the project cost which shall be declared Protected forest / Reserve forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- (iii) Penal compensatory afforestation will be carried out at the cost of user agency over double the degraded forest land that has been used in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 i.e. $29.85 \times 2 = 59.70$ hectare.
- (iv) Lease period shall be for 20 years w.e.f. 13.4.1999 i.e. date of grant of temporary working permission.
- (v) Phased reclamation plan will be implemented by the user agency at their cost.
- (vi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.



- (vii) Mining, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area will be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation over one and a half times of safety zone area in degraded forest elsewhere will be done at the project cost.
- (viii) Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward & back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar at project cost.
- (ix) The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (x) Any other condition that the State Govt. or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection or development of forests.

This approval shall have no bearing on the actions initiated by the State Government to fix responsibility & disciplinary action against the erring officials for violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as has already been laid out in the in-principle approval accorded vide letter of even No. dated 23.8.1995. However, the State Government should intimate to the Ministry the action taken in this regard. This letter is further issued in supersession of the Ministry's letter of even No. dated 25.1.2000.

Yours faithfully,

(R. K. GUPTA)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.
4. Managing Director, M/s Mysore Minerals Limited, 39, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore-1.
5. RO(HQ), New Delhi
6. Guard file.

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