

Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the proposed site on 24.10.2017. The area for Pipe Conveyor belt corridor is 1.645 ha, from Nandihalli Railway yard to JSW Plant and passes through S.M.Block, D.M.Block & Sy.No. 224 of Bannihatti Village (Section-4 proposed area) of Sandur South Range. The FC clearance is required for an extent of 1.645 hectares of forest land in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Toranagallu. The area is as follows:

Sl. No.	Area proposed in Forest area	Name of the Forest Block	Village	Forest land proposed in hectares
1	Segment-A	S.M.Block	Lakshmipura	0.135
2	Segment-B	D.M.Block	Taranagara	0.250
3	Segment-C	D.M.Block	Taranagara	0.350
4	Segment-D	Sy.No. 224 of Bannihatti Village (Section-4 proposed area).	Bannihatti	0.910
Total				1.645

Swamymalai & Donimalai Forest Blocks in Sandur South Range declared as Section-04 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Notified vide Notification No. FFD-29, FAF-84, Dated: 28.02.1985 and Sy.No. 224 of Bannihatti Village is proposed for Section-4 vide letter No. LND/Sec-04/Bly/CR-09/2013-14 dated: 07.01.2014. The Forest area falls under Eco class-III, Southern Dry Deciduous Forests.

The proposed forest land is not a part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. However, Sy.No.224 of Bannihatti village (Section-04 proposed area) is 7.90 km away from the Daroji Bear Sanctuary and the DRDO establishment is located 2 km from proposed pipe conveyor belt corridor, M/s. JSW Steel Limited has not submitted NOC from competent authority. The user agency has been directed to submit the NOC from competent authority.

The proposed forest land for pipe conveyor belt corridor is as per directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its W.P.No.562/2009 and guidelines issued by Central Empowered Committee (CEC) for transportation of minerals through Conveyor belt and Railway sidings.

Dated : 26.10.2017.
Place: Ballari.


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