

Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the proposed site on 24.03.2017 for diversion of 3.50 hectares of forest land for use of approach road from mining head of M.L.No.2313 of M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Toranagallu.

The Proposed area for diversion for approach road is located in Donimalai Block Forest (Section-4 notified vide Notification No. FFD-29, FAF-84 Dated: 28.02.1985) in Sandur Taluk, Bellary District, Karnataka.

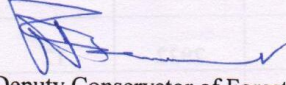
The area of diversion is revised from 5.83 hectares to 3.50 hectares after conducting a joint survey of the proposed diversion area along with Department of Mines & Geology & Revenue Department on 10.02.2017. As per the joint survey report, the details of forest land required for approach road is as follows :

Stretch Marked on Map as	Length (Meters)	Average Width (Meters)	Area (Ha)	Remarks
A to B	197	12	0.24	Portion of Road falling in virgin Forest area i.e. tree cutting to be required
B to C	534	12	0.64	Portion of Road falling in existing old approach road
C to D	745	12	0.89	Portion of Road falling in virgin Forest area i.e. tree cutting to be required
D to E	433	12	0.52	Portion of Road falling in existing old approach road
E to F	114	12	0.14	Portion of Road falling in virgin Forest area i.e. tree cutting to be required
F to G	659	12	0.79	Portion of Road falling in existing old approach road
G to H	143	12	0.17	Portion of Road falling in virgin Forest area i.e. tree cutting to be required
H to I	87	12	0.10	Portion of Road falling in existing old approach road
J to K	10	12	0.01	Portion of Road falling in existing old approach road
	2922	12	3.50	
I to J	419	12	0.50	Portion of road falling in MMRD notified area of M.L.No.1111 of M/s. NMDC ltd

The Map of approach road is enclosed.

1. The user agency has applied for 5.83 hectares. However, after joint survey the diversion area is revised to 3.50 hectares after deleting the portion lying in the NMDC lease area.
2. The M/s. JSW Steel Limited has been issued successful bidder letter for Mining lease No.2313 for a period of 50 years. However, the mining lease deed is not executed yet. The diversion for approach road may be granted co-terminus with the mining lease period.
3. A portion of approach road to an extent 1.44 hectares, which is re-aligned falls inside the Forests and tree cutting required, this portion is marked on the map as A to B, C to D, E to F & G to H. Tree enumeration list is enclosed.
4. And the remaining 2.06 hectares of approach road falls on old existing road, which is marked as B to C, D to E, F to G, H to I & J to K on the map.
5. And another 0.50 hectares of approach road falls within M.L.No. 1111 of M/s. NMDC Limited (marked as H-I on the map). The user agency i.e, M/s. JSW Steel Limited is cannot be granted Forest Clearance for this patch. As, the M/s. NMDC Ltd, M.L.No.1111 has already paid NPV for this patch under Section-2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as per General approval given by the Government of India vide guidelines issued dated : 01.04.2015. However, as there is no other alternate approach road, the M/s. JSW Steel Ltd may be given 'right of way' and the alignment of road inside lease area may change in future as per IBM approved mining plan of the M/s. NMDC Ltd, M.L.No.1111.
6. Some portion of the approach road falls within 1 Km of Parvathi & Kartikeya temple, the final decision regarding mining in this area will be subject to outcome / recommendation of the committee constituted in-compliance to the Hon'ble Supreme Court order in SLP No.20180/2010.

The diversion of forest land is required for use of forest land as approach road for transportation of mineral from mining head M.L.No.2313. The approach road is existing old road; no cutting of trees is required. As, the Forest Clearance was not obtained previously, the proposed diversion may be approved after imposing heavy penalty. The proposal is recommended for approval.



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Ballari Division, Ballari

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