



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. FEE 77 FFM 2017

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
M.S.Building,
Bengaluru, Dated: 11/01/2018.

From

Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,
M.S.Building, Bengaluru-560 001.

To:

The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Government of India, Paryavaran Bhavan,
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi – 110003

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 2.048 hectare (4.25 hectare as per Form A) of forest land in SM Block, Kumarswamy Range, Ballari District for approach road to ML No. 2313 in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.-reg.
Online proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/21842/2016.

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi vide their letter F. No. 8-323/1989-FC(pt) dated 12.09.2017 have accorded approval for transfer of forest clearance for diversion of 21.03 hectare (originally 21.11 hectare) forest land in respect of Category 'C' mining lease No. 2313 from erstwhile lessee M/s Hothur Traders to the successful bidder, i.e. M/s JSW Steel Ltd. Further, the Government of Karnataka vide order No. FEE 38 FFM 2017 dated 10.10.2017 has accorded approval for transfer of FC clearance in respect of the above mentioned project in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.,

The earlier User Agency had not obtained forest clearance (under FC Act) for use of the approach road outside the lease area. Hence, the new User Agency i.e., M/s JSW Steel Ltd. had submitted proposal through Web portal on 17.10.2016 for diversion of 4.43 hectare (subsequently changed to 5.83 hectare and once more changed to 4.25 hectare) of forest land in SM Block, Kumarswamy Range, Ballari District for approach road to ML No. 2313.

At present, Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Bengaluru vide their letter no. A5(1).MNG.CR.11/2016-17 dated: 25.11.2017 has submitted a proposal to obtain 'in- principle' (Stage-1) approval of Government of India under

section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.048 hectare (4.25 hectare as per Form A) of forest land in SM Block, Kumarswamy Range, Ballari District for approach road to ML No. 2313 in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Ballari subject to certain conditions. A copy of the same along with its enclosures, Annexure-A and proforma proposal (2sets) is enclosed herewith, which is self explanatory.

In the circumstances, I request you to kindly communicate 'in- principle' (Stage-1) approval of Government of India under section-2 of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.048 hectare (4.25 hectare as per Form A) of forest land in SM Block, Kumarswamy Range, Ballari District for approach road to ML No. 2313 in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.,Ballari subject to the conditions appended in Annexure-A.

Yours faithfully,

Narayana 11/1/18.
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Under Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.

Copy to: 1.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Aranya Bhavan,
Bengaluru-560 003.
2. M/s JSW Steel Ltd., 6TH Floor, East Wing, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road,
Bengaluru-560 001

Part-V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

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| Recommendation of the State Government | Recommended for Diversion of 2.048 hectare (4.25 hectare as per Form A) of forest land in SM Block, Kumarswamy Range, Ballari District for approach road to ML No. 2313 in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd |
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Date: 11.01.2018

Signature:

Name & Designation:

Narayana 11/1/18.
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Under Secretary to Government
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