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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 1.645 ha. (revised from 1.7456 ha) of forest land in SM Block, BM and Sy. No. 224 of Bannihatti Village (Section -4 proposed area) in Bellary district for proposed Main Pipe Conveyor Belt Corridor from Nandihalli Railway Yard to JSW plant in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. Vidyanagar, Bellary District - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter FEE 14 FFM 2018 dated 01/03/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above project.

The proposal was examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) of rule 4A of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 in its meeting held on 13/04/2018.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys the in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) for the diversion of 1.645 ha. (revised from 1.7456 ha) of forest land in SM Block, BM and Sy. No. 224 of Bannihatti Village (Section -4 proposed area) in Bellary district for proposed Main Pipe Conveyor Belt Corridor from Nandihalli Railway Yard to JSW plant in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. Vidyanagar, Bellary District, for a period of 30 years, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mts. at the cost of user agency, before Stage-II approval.
3. The equivalent extent of identified non-forest land in Sy.No. 2B/2 of village Sy.No. 61, Gonal, Hospet taluk, Bellary District proposed for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department before Stage-II approval.
4. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) as proposed shall be raised over 1.645 ha. of non-forest land in Sy.No. 2B/2 of village Sy.No. 61, Gonal, Hospet taluk, Bellary District, at the cost of User Agency.

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5. The Non-forest land for Compensatory afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months from the date of issue of Stage-II approval and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance.
6. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of 1.645 ha. from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
7. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
8. User Agency should ensure that Compensatory levies are deposited through challan generated online on the web portal and deposited in appropriate bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage -I clearance.
9. In order to safeguard Wildlife and free movement of wild animals during the night, transportation of ore through conveyor belt shall be restricted from sunrise to sunset.
10. Since DRDO establishment is located within 2 km from the proposed pipeline conveyor belt, the user agency shall submit NOC from the DRDO authority before Stage -II clearance.
11. Suitable soil moisture conservation measures and plantation of native herbs, scrubs, and trees shall be done on both sides of the conveyor belt up to a distance of 15 meters at the cost of user agency.
12. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.645 ha.
13. Any other condition that the Addl. P.C.C.F. (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
14. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years and the forest land shall not be transferred to the User Agency prior to the issue of final approval.

Yours sincerely,



(R. Padmawathe)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Senior Vice President, M/s. JSW Steel Ltd, P.O. Vidya Nagar, Bellary District -583 275. (Karnataka).
5. Guard file.


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