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Dated 08-06-2022

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

Sir,

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 401.5761 hectare (revised from 484.0733 ha) [388.00 ha for mining + 13.5761 ha for approach road=401.5761 ha] of forest land in Swamimalai (SM) Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Iron ore and Managanese ore Mining in Devadari Hill Range in favour of IWs KIOCL Limited (formerly Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited). Bengaluru

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/32568/2018 [FORM-A]

- Ref:**
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi letter F.No.8-24/2020-FC dated 24-06-2021 [Stage-I approval]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 19 FFM 2020 dated 06-07-2021 [communication of Stage-I approval]
 3. This office letter of even number dated 19-07-2021 [communication of Government of India letter to User Agency and the Field officers]
 4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No.M1/MNG/KIOCL/BLY/CR/2017-18 dated 09-05-2022 [submitted compliance report information to Chief Conservator of Forests Ballari circle]
 5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, letter No. M1/MNG/CR-11/2016-17/256 dated 24-05-2022 [submitted compliance report]

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bengaluru vide reference (1) has accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 401.5761 hectare (revised from 484.0733 ha) [388.00 ha for mining + 13.5761 ha for approach road=401.5761 ha] of forest land in Swamimalai (SM) Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Iron ore and Managanese ore Mining in Devadari Hill Range in favour of IWs KIOCL Limited (formerly Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited), Bengaluru under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to certain conditions. Accordingly, the User Agency and field officers were directed by this office vide reference (3) to submit the compliance to the conditions of Stage-I approval.

The condition wise compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval has been received after verification by the field officers (ref- 4 & 5). Based on the said reports, the condition wise compliance to the conditions of Stage-I approval is submitted as follows.

Sl No	Conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 24-06-2021	Status of Compliance
A	Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and compliance is to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.	
(i)	The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted (i.e., 401.5761 ha of forest land) under this proposal, File No.8-24/2020-FC as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02. 2009.The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned	The User Agency has remitted of Rs. 32,24,65,608/- vide UTR No. CNRBR52021102970933511 Dt. 29.10.2021 (Rs. 8,03,000/- per ha) towards payment for Net Present Value(NPV) over an extent of 401.5761 hectares. Payment details enclosed as Annexure-I .
(ii)	The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale	The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division has identified following revised degraded forest land for Raising of Compensatory Afforestation against this project. The same has been inspected the CA sites by the Deputy Inspector General of

		Forests (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore on 07.04.2022 & 08.04.2022;																				
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(iii)	The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited through online e-portal into the CAMPA account in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years	<p>The User Agency has remitted of Rs. 137,17,83,958/- vide UTR No. CNRBR52021102970933511 Dt. 29.10.2021 (Rs. 17,08,000/- per ha) towards payment for Compensatory Afforestation Charges over an extent of 803.1522 hectares.</p> <p>Payment details enclosed as Annexure-I.</p> <p>Meanwhile User Agency has submitted an undertaking dated 06-06-2022 that additional amount of the Compensatory Afforestation charges will be paid</p>																				
(iv)	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance	<p>The Funds received from the User Agency under the project has been transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through Parivesh portal.</p> <p>Payment details enclosed as Annexure-I.</p>																				
(v)	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	The User Agency has uploaded the Compliance Report on e-portal and submitted the hard copy to this office.																				
(vi)	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the	The User Agency has obtained Form-II of FRA Certificate and submitted complete compliance which is enclosed as Annexure- III .																				

	concerned District Collector.			
(vii)	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. XXXII.		
(viii)	State government was informed earlier by the Ministry that small forest land adjoining cultivation areas should not be proposed for CA on account of management issues associated with such small forest patches. The State government shall therefore propose revised CA area with sufficiently large patches, and got the same verified from the Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru. The so verified CA land details along with KML file shall be submitted by the State Govt. to the Government of India prior to Stage II approval.	The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division has identified following revised degraded forest land for Raising of Compensatory Afforestation against this project. The same has been inspected the CA sites by the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore on 07.04.2022 & 08.04.2022; As per letter No.4/KRA/1269/2020/BAN/191 dated 06-05-2022 the sites as mentioned below is accepted.		
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		Total		803.1522
		The above CA land details along with KML file are already submitted vide this office letter Dt.13.04.2022.		
		Further, the details of Degraded Forest land to an extent of 803.152 ha along with maps are enclosed as Annexure- IV.		
(ix)	The Mines Department, Karnataka/ User Agency in consultation with the Forest Department, Karnataka shall prepare a plan with maps to secure dense vegetation on the slopes of the proposed area, and implement the same during the course of the lease period	The User Agency has prepared the Secure Dense Vegetation Plan along with maps in consultation with the Forest Department and submitted same as Annexure-V.		

(x)	In view of prevalence of wildlife in the area, a Site-specific Wild Life Management Plan shall be prepared, and implemented at the cost of the User Agency	The User Agency has prepared Site-specific Wildlife Management Plan and obtained approval from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Bangalore vide letter No. PCCF/WL/D/CR-34/2021-2022 dated 21.02.2022. Copy of the same is enclosed as Annexure-VI .
(xi)	It is reported that a number of seasonal nalas (streams) originate in the area proposed for forest diversion. A CAT Plan duly approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Karnataka shall be implemented at the cost of the user agency	The User Agency has prepared Catchment Area Treatment Plan and obtained approval from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of the Forest Force), Bangalore vide letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5/1(MNG)/17/2019-FC Dt 28.02.2022. Copy of the Approved Catchment Area Treatment Plan is enclosed as Annexure-VII .
(xii)	<p>Following activities, as per approved plan / schemes, shall be undertaken in the lease area by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department. Approved scheme/plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with compliance of Stage-I approval:</p> <p>a. Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three year with effect from the issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.</p> <p>b. Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme</p> <p>c. Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved</p>	<p>The User Agency has included the following activities in Catchment Area Treatment Plan which is Approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of the Forest Force), Bangalore vide letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5/1(MNG)/17/2019-FC Dt 28.02.2022.</p> <p>a. As per approved CATP Plan, the User Agency has included the Soil Conservation Measures works in Chapter No.7.</p> <p>b. As per approved CATP Plan, the User Agency has included works of Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in Chapter No.10.</p> <p>c. As per approved CATP Plan, Gabion Bandhara, Masonary Check Dams, BOX Gabion Check Dam, Plum Concrete Check DAM and BOX Gabion Wall are included in Chapter No.9.</p>

	<p>scheme</p> <p>d. Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching. in accordance with the approved scheme. so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28⁰ and</p> <p>e. No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan</p>	<p>d. As per approved CATP Plan, Installation of Geo Textiles for Slopes is included and budgeted in the CAT Plan are included in Chapter No.8</p> <p>e. As per approved CATP Plan. Manual Seeding and Maintenance of Top Soil is included in Chapter No.6.</p> <p>Copy of the Approved Catchment Area Treatment Plan is enclosed as Annexure-VII</p>
(xiii)	<p>Safety Zone Management: Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines:</p> <p>a. User agency shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the. State Forest Department</p> <p>b. Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease. adjacent to habitation/roads, should be</p>	<p>a. M/s KIOCL has deposited Rs. 46,53,440/- towards fencing of safety zone. This amount is part of the total amount of Rs. 174,14,21,958/- deposited in "KARNATAKA CAMPA". Copy of the details of Payment vide Letter dt.29.10.2021 along with Demand Notice dtd 27.10.2021 are enclosed as Annexure-I. Further to this, the Usr Agency has submitted the undertaking to demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the. State Forest Department which is enclosed as Annexure- XXXIII.</p> <p>b. M/s. KIOCL has deposited Rs. 46,53,440/- to state CAMPA fund towards fencing of safety zone.</p>

	<p>properly fenced by the user agency</p> <p>c. Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department</p> <p>d. Afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost under the supervisions of the State Forest Department. The degraded forest land (DFL) so selected will be informed, to the MoEF & CC with shape files before Stage-II approval and afforestation will be done within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department; and</p> <p>e. The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per</p>	<p>Meanwhile User Agency has submitted an undertaking dated 06-06-2022 that additional amount of the Compensatory Afforestation charges will be paid</p> <p>c. KIOCL has also deposited Rs. 1,70,07,581/- towards Safety Zone Plantation Charges for maintaining as green belt around the mining lease. This amount is part of the total amount of Rs. 174.14,21,958/- deposited in "KARNATAKA CAMPA". Copy of the details of Payment vide Letter dated 29.10.2021 along with Demand Notice dated 27.10.2021 are enclosed as Annexure- I.</p> <p>Meanwhile User Agency has submitted an undertaking dated 06-06-2022 that additional amount of the Compensatory Afforestation charges will be paid</p> <p>d. The Range Forest officer Sandur has identified degraded forest land measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone management to an extent of 14.9364 ha in somalapura village, Sandur taluk. The Google Image, SOI Map, Village Map representing an extent of 14.9364 ha for safety zone is enclosed as Annexure-VIII.</p> <p>e. In this regard, the User Agency has agreed and submitted the undertaking that, the safety zone is maintained as per the</p>
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	the prescribed norms	prescribed norms. An Undertaking to this effect is enclosed as Annexure-XXXIII .
(xiv)	The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage II approval	KML Files of diverted area, CA area, SMC treatment area, WLMP area, are submitted to DCF, Ballari for uploading in e-green watch portal. Copy of DGPS Map of ML area is enclosed as Annexure-IX .
B	Conditions which need to be complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted and compliance is to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:	
(i)	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. Annexure- X .
(ii)	If there is any non-forest land within the project area, same needs to be acquired by the user agency, prior to the forest land under diversion (in the instant proposal) is handed over to the user agency	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. Annexure- XI .
(iii)	The Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over double the degraded i.e., $401.5761 \times 2 = 803.1522$ ha. of degraded forest land at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. With provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance;	The User Agency has remitted of Rs. 137.17,83,958 vid UTR No. CNRBR52021102970933511 Dt. 29.10.2021 (Rs. 17,08,000/- per ha) towards payment for Compensatory Afforestation Charges over an extent of 803.1522 hectares. The Forest Department will plant a mixture of local indigenous species with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance. Payment details enclosed as Annexure-I . Meanwhile User Agency has submitted an undertaking dated 06-06-2022 that additional amount of the Compensatory Afforestation charges will be paid
(iv)	Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XII .

	The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect	
(v)	<p>The area is within a mineralised zone. It is reported that at present there are 4 mining zones where active mining is taking place by a large number of organisations as per their individual plans. On the other hand, the cumulative impact of mining on forest, wildlife and ecology needs to be understood and acted upon. As such, the area requires a comprehensive view with regard to sustainable mining vis-à-vis forest, wildlife and ecological conservation including promotion of green mining infrastructure in the future which could not only have least impact on forest and wildlife in the area but in some cases could actually promote forest and wildlife by itself. A comprehensive study jointly by a couple of reputed institutes like IIT(ISM), Dhanbad, IIT, Delhi, IISc, Bengaluru, ICFRE, Dehradun shall be undertaken by the State Government at the cost of the user agency so as to draw a perspective co-management plan for mining and forest and wildlife conservation and development, including for green mining infrastructure development. The study report shall be submitted within one year for its consideration by Govt. of India and issuing guidelines/ direction for followup action by the mining companies at their cost. It is clarified that this study shall not be linked to the present FC approval.</p>	<p>The User Agency has agreed and submitted the undertaking to bear the cost towards the comprehensive study by a couple of reputed institutions for preparation of perspective co-management plan for sustainable mining with respect to forest, wildlife and ecological conservation and development, including promotion of green mining infrastructure in the future which could not only have least impact on forest and wildlife in the area but in some cases could actually promote forest and wildlife by itself. The aforesaid study will be undertaken by the State Government. For this purpose, KIOCL has already communicated vide letter dated 25.08.2021 to state government for information. An Undertaking to this effect is enclosed as Annexure- XIII.</p> <p>This office letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/21/2020-FC (E-271725) dated 07-06-2022 addressed to the Director General, EMPRI, Bengaluru requested to prepare a draft TOR for the above mentioned study and send to this office along with the budget for the study and so that it can be finalized and further necessary action initiated.</p>
(vi)	The User Agency and the State Government shall strictly adhere to the directions/ guideline's issues by the Honourable Supreme Court for	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard. Annexure- XIV .

	mining, including directions on mining in Bellary district, and comply with all the statutory conditions for scientific and sustainable mining issued by competent authority	
(vii)	Road side plantation of local species and bamboo shall be raised along the approach road to the mine at the cost of the user agency	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XV.
(viii)	The State Government shall prepare a time-bound plan for return of those forest areas in 'A', 'B' and 'C' category mines in Bellary district which could not be auctioned on account of non-viability, to the State Forest Department after proper Rehabilitation and Resettlement as per directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and submit the Plan to the Govt. of India within six months. It is clarified that this condition is not linked to the instant proposal of forest land diversion, but the same shall be one of the issues for consideration for any forest land diversion in Karnataka State in the future, i.e. after six months	The User Agency has submitted the request letter dt25.08.2021 to Secretary (C&I),GoK for information and needful action. Copy of Letter dated 25.08.2021 is enclosed as Annexure- XVI.
(ix)	User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XVII.
(x)	Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act.	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XVIII.

	1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under	
(xi)	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required	The User agency has obtained Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 from MoEF&CC, Gol vide Letter F.No. J-11015/28/2018-IA-II(M) dated 13th August 2021 and same has been submitted and enclosed as Annexure-XIX .
(xii)	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XX .
(xiii)	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XXI .
(xiv)	The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re-grassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure-XXII .
(xv)	The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XXIII .
(xvi)	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XXIV .

	specified in the project proposal	
(xvii)	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XXV.
(xviii)	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be cause	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XXVI.
(xix)	The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XXVII.
(xx)	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area	The Forest Department will monitor, and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
(xxi)	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XXVIII.
(xxii)	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency	The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking in this regard Annexure- XXIX
(xxiii)	The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly	The User Agency has agreed and submitted the undertaking to submit annual self-compliance report in respect of stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI by the end of March every year regularly. An Undertaking to this effect is enclosed as Annexure- XXX.
(xxiv)	The user agency shall comply all	The User Agency has agreed and submitted the

the provisions of the all Acts. Rules. Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project. if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project	undertaking to comply all the provisions of the all Acts. Rules. Regulations. Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. An Undertaking to this effect is enclosed as Annexure- XXXI.
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Under the above circumstances, it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for according the final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 401.5761 hectare (revised from 484.0733 ha) [388.00 ha for mining + 13.5761 ha for approach road=401.5761 ha] of forest land in Swamimalai (SM) Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Iron ore and Managanese ore Mining in Devadari Hill Range in favour of IWS KIOCL Limited (formerly Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited), Bengaluru under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted here with for kind perusal and further action.

Yours Faithfully



(Vijay Sharma, IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

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Copy to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
3. Director P & P, KIOCL Limited, II Block, Kormangala, Bengaluru-560 034 for information and necessary action.

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