

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Aranya Bhavan,  
Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub:-Forest Clearance proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for prospecting of Mineral Exploration in respect of RMML (ML No. 2010) NEB Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, Nagpur- reg.

Ref:-1)Online application No.FP/KA/MRL/9/2017 dated:26-12-2017.

2)Online proposal received from the Nodal Officer and Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (FC), Bengaluru on 26-12-2017.

3)Letter No.M1/MNG/MECL/Survey/2017-18 dated:19-02-2018 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

\*\*\*\*\*

In light of the directions issued by your goodself in the online portal application of M/s. Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, Nagpur cited under reference (3) supra, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari in his letter (2) cited above has submitted the proposal seeking permission for preliminary exploration for iron ore resource over an extent of 325.74ha in respect of RMML (ML No. 2010) NEB Range, Sandur Taluk in Ballari District under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

On going, through the self contained report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, the following the facts are brought to your kind notice for taking further needful action in the matter.

1. After scrutinizing the online proposal of the above user agency and forwarding the same in the online portal, the user agency has submitted hard copy of the proposal to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, for further processing of the proposal.
2. Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, has inspected the proposed forest land on 18-02-2018 and reported that the applied area is coming under the purview of North Eastern Block, Sandur North Range, which is comprising of southern dry deciduous forest and falling in Eco-Class-III category of forest.
3. It is also reported that this proposed exploration works involved drilling of 33 bore holes and there is no necessity for cutting of any trees. The exact of location of bore

holes are verified alongwith topo-sheet sketch and GPS readings on the ground. The proposed project area is 5.19 km away from the Daroji Bear Sanctuary.

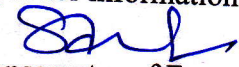
In view of the above and based on the recommendations made by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, I am herewith recommending the proposal for seeking permission for preliminary exploration for iron ore resource over an extent of 325.74 ha in RMML (ML No. 2010) NEB Range, Sandur Talukin Ballari District under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in favour of M/s. Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, Nagpur for taking further needful action in the matter.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

- 1) Copy forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
- 2) Copy to the M/s. Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, Nagpur for information.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

ರವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.  
ದಿನಾಂಕ 22/9/18 ಸಹಿ 