

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: Oct, 2022

To,
The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,
Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 64.86 hectare of forest land (60.66 ha. for mining + 4.2 ha. for approach road) in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, near Dharmapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Narsimha Iron Ore Mine ML No.2148 [an auctioned C-category mine] erstwhile Lessee Sri H.G. Rangangouda] in favour of M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete, Ballari District (LoI holder).-regarding (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/39986/2019). -reg.,

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 39 FFM 2020 (e) dated 30.09.2022 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 21.09.2022. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting is uploaded in the parivesh.nic.in. After through deliberation, the FAC decided that the proposal will be considered as fresh case for FC clearance in accordance with the guidelines issued by this Ministry dt 13.09.2022. However, the proposal was deferred on want of CA land and the information as per the decision of FAC on 15.07.2022. Further, it was also recommended that only after identification of the CA land the proposal shall be considered for Stage-I approval. Until such CA land is available the matter shall not be taken up for consideration by FAC.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to take appropriate action as per the decision of FAC and submit the necessary documents to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980 O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.