

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

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To

Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Karnataka  
Bengaluru.

**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 (Lol holder). -regarding (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/39986/2019).**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Karnataka vide letter No. FEE 39 FFM 2020 (e) dated 21.01.2025 and PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka vide letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-1(MNG)/51/2018-FC dated 06.01.2025 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that after the examination of the matter the Ministry vide letter dated 20.03.2025 had allowed mining operations for six months from the date of issue of the approval of the Central Govt. subject to the certain conditions.

2. Now the Govt. of Karnataka has submitted the compliance report vide letter No. FEE 39 FFM 2020 (e) dated 26.09.2025 and letter of PCCF (HoFF) letter dated 22.09.2025.

3. Accordingly, upon careful examination of the compliance report, the State Govt. is asked to ensure the compliance of all the conditions of transfer of Forest clearance granted by the Ministry dated 25.09.2023 to be read with letter dated 20.03.2025 and take needful action as per extant rules and guidelines.

**Yours faithfully,**

**Sd/-**  
**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
3. DDGF (C), MoEF&CC's RO Bengaluru
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.