

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

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New Delhi: 1100 03,
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To,

The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Bangalore - 560034.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 75.92 ha. of forest land (near M.L. No.2396 of NMDC) in Donimalai (DM) forest Block, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District for construction of new Screening Plant-II, Two Tailing dams (I & II) and laying of Water pipeline in favour of NMDC limited. Donimalai Township, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District. (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/Others/14576/2015).-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 16 FFM 2021 dated 30.12.2021 on the above mentioned subject forwarding the additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dt 06.08.2021. The State Govt. vide this letter has informed that Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle has inspected the proposed site on 25.11.2021 and has reported the following violations committed by the User Agency:

- i. The user Agency has already laid pipeline about 400 mtrs (i.e. 0.08 ha) length in the proposed screening Plant-II AREA.
- ii. The User Agency has already established washing plant about 0.1 ha in the proposed Screening Plant-II area.
- iii. The User Agency has already established Conveyor belt about 363 mtrs length in the proposed screening plant-II area and about 376 mtrs length in tailing dam-I area.
- iv. The User Agency has already established check dam, silt settling tank and rainwater harvesting pit in the proposed tailing dam-II area. Further, these are related to R&R activities implemented by the User Agency with respect to ML No. 2396.

In this regard the Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore of this Ministry is

requested to kindly once again inspect the forest land proposed for diversion to identify/validate the extent of violation as reported by the State govt. and submit the report to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Rinku Kumari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.