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

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**Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,**  
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**Dated: 8th November, 2020,**

To,

**The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Karnataka,  
Bangalore.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 5.271 ha forest land in SM Block in Lakshmipura Village of Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for approach Road, Downhill Pipe Conveyor (DPC) and service road for Devadari Iron Ore mine M.L. No. 2290 in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Torangallu. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/OTHERS/26566/2017).-regarding.**

**Madam/Sir,**

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka letter's No. FEE 29 FFM 2018 dated 19.09.2020 on the above mentioned subject matter regarding submission of report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 28.12.2018 and to say that examination of the said compliance report in the Ministry revealed following shortcomings:

- i. The user agency has not submitted undertaking in respect of conditions no. (xx) of the Stage-I approval dated 28.12.2018.
- ii. The State Govt. has not submitted complete compliance of FRA 2006, including Gram Sabha resolution.
- iii. Regarding condition no. (x) of the Stage-I approval dated 28-12-2018, the State Government has not submitted any report. Regarding this condition subsequent progress has also been not submitted.
- iv. In response to condition no. (iv) and (v) of Stage-I letter dated 28.12.2018 the State Govt. has submitted certain documents in vernacular language. There is a need for submission of translated English version.
- v. With respect to condition (xix) of Stage-I letter dated 28.12.2018 the User Agency has submitted an undertaking stating that they will explore the possibility for translocation of trees. In this regard the State govt. is requested to furnish information regarding proposal of translocation with details to the Ministry.
- vi. With respect to condition no. (xxvii) of the Stage-I approval dt 28.12.2018 the User Agency has remitted the amount for Avenue plantation in this regard the State Govt. is requested to forward the estimation of avenue plantation.
- vii. The State Govt. has mentioned in the condition no. (vi) of the Stage-I approval dt 28-12-2018 that the user agency is required to pay the differential CA charges on account of revision of CA rates with effect from 01.05.2020. In this regard the State Govt. may

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submit the original estimate of CA and the revised estimate of CA based on present wage rates with the details of difference.

In view of the above, the Government of Karnataka is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully,

**(Brijendra Swaroop)**  
**Dy. Inspector General of Forests**

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore..
3. The Deputy Director General,, Regional Office (SZ), MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.