

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: December, 2022

To
The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Kendriya Sadan, 04th Floor, E&F, Wings,
17th Main Road Koramangala II Block,
Bangalore - 560034.

Sub: Proposal for Ex post facto approval for diversion of 235.648 hectare (revised from 96.868 hectare) of forest land outside Mining Lease area (M.L. No.2396) of Donimlalai (DM) Block Forest (Near Narsinghap Village) in favour of Executive Director, M/s NMDC Limited, Donimalai Township, Sandur Taluk, Ballari, Karnataka. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/Others/17464/2016). -regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter no. FEE 71 FFM 2022 (e) dated 07.11.2022 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request the Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore of this Ministry to kindly inspect the forest land proposed for Ex post facto approval and the identified CA sites (Both NFL and DFL) and submit the report to this Ministry.

2. IRO Bangalore is also requested to offer its comments on the site specific requirement regarding the diversion of additional Forest land i.e. 138.778 ha (235.648 - 96.87 ha) against the actual area i.e 96.87 ha required for ex-post facto approval for already established infrastructure.

3. Further, with regard to the violations reported by the State Govt., it is requested to take appropriate action and provide the action taken report along with the site inspection report w.r.t to the instant proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

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

Bangalore.

3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.