

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi: 1100 03,

Dated: 1st February, 2022

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

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/Madam

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 16 FFM 2021 (e) dated 20.01.2022 forwarding additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dated 17.01.2022 and to say that after examination of the additional information the following were observed:

- i. State Govt. has not provided any comments wrt to the point no. (ix) of this Ministry's letter dt 17.01.2022. In this regard the State Govt. is once again requested to clarify whether the nature of violation comes within the purview of Section 3A and/or Section 3B of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ii. The State Govt. in response to this Ministry letter dt 06.08.2021 wrt point no. (ix) & (x) has forwarded KML file of 554.50 ha wrt CA land. Out of the 554.50 ha, KML file of 37.50 ha for CA area in 1, Kochigere is not available as per DSS report. In this regard the complete KML file may be forwarded to this Ministry for analysis.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,


(Rinku Kumari) 01/02/22

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.