Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)
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Dated: 23rd February, 2022

To
The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

Sub: Diversion of 1.645 ha. (Revised from 1.7456 ha) of forest land in SM Block, and Sy. No. 224 of Bannihatti Village (Section-4 proposed area) in Ballari District for proposed Main Pipe Conveyor Belt Corridor from Nandihalli Railway Yard to JSW Plant in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. Vidyanagar, Ballari District.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Govt. letter no. No. FEE 11 FFM 2019 dated 14th December, 2021 forwarding study report on "Evaluation of the impact of increased timings of the operation of main pipe conveyor from Nandihalli yard to JSW plant on wildlife" carried out by the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute, Karnataka for further necessary action.

2. In this regard it is informed that the issue was deliberated and discussed in detail in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 27.01.2022 and FAC after thorough deliberation and discussion deferred the matter seeking following details:-

i. The Government of Karnataka shall give comments on the report submitted by EMPRI including its acceptance of the report.

ii. The State Government shall also get the comments of CWLW and submit to FAC for taking further decision.

In view of above the State Govt. is requested to submit the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

23/02/22

(Jiju J. S.)
Technical Officer

Copy to:

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

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