

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

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New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 28th January, 2021

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 401.5761 hectare (*revised from 484.0733 ha.*) (388.00 ha for mining + 13.5761 ha. for approach road=401.5761 ha.) of forest land in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Iron Ore and Manganese Ore Mining in Devadari Hill Range in favour of IWs KIOCL Ltd. (formerly Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited), Bengaluru.-regarding (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/32568/2018).-reg.,

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 19FFM 2020 (e) dated 09th October, 2020 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 that the Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore of this Ministry may kindly inspect the forest land proposed for diversion including identified CA land. A detailed report shall be submitted to the Ministry, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest, Ecology and Environment Dept.), 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.