

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

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To

Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Karnataka
Bengaluru.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 64.86 hectare of forest land (60.66 ha. for mining + 4.2 ha. for approach road) in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, near Dharmapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Narsimha Iron Ore Mine ML No.2148 [an auctioned C-category mine] erstwhile Lessee Sri H.G. Rangangouda] in favour of M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete, Ballari District (Lol holder). -regarding (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/39986/2019).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Karnataka vide letter No. FEE 39 FFM 2020 (e) dated 21.01.2025 and PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka vide letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-1(MNG)/51/2018-FC dated 06.01.2025 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act., In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 05.03.2025. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting is uploaded in the parivesh.nic.in.

2. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, and recommendation of the Advisory Committee the Central Government hereby accept the CA land being offered by the user agency, which is also transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department. With regard to the time line for notification of the said CA land as PF/RF the same shall be completed within a time period of six months Further, considering the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approval dated 25.09.2023 the mining operations by the user agency are permitted during the stipulated six months period allowed for completing the notification process of the said CA land. Accordingly, the transfer approval granted on 25.09.2023 by the Ministry stands modified with the following specific conditions:

- i. The State Govt. shall submit the copy of the notification of the already transferred and mutated CA land over NFL within the six month time from the date of issue of the letter of the Ministry in this regard. The State Govt. is

further advised to strictly adhere to the time line and no further extension shall be considered in this regard. Further it shall not be treated as norm for any other similar cases, and such cases shall be decided on the merit of the case, on case to case basis only.

- ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the KML file of the area diverted and identified for CA (NFL and DFL) shall also be uploaded on the E-green watch portal with in the given time frame of six month only.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(S.Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
3. DDGF (C), MoEF&CC, RO Bengaluru
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.