

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

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To
Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)
Regional Office, Kendriya Sadan,
4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road,
Koramangala II Block, Bengaluru (Karnataka)

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 43.58 hectare of forest land in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest, Near Ramgad Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Dharmapura Iron Ore Mine (expired ML No. 2239 of M/s Zeenath Transport Company) in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited (New ML No. 0013), Vidyanagar, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka (the Successful Bidder in e-auction), (Online proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/44852/2020)-regarding

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 17 FFM 2021 (e) dated 31st May, 2021 and additional information submitted vide letter FEE 17 FFM 2021 (E) dated 19.02.2022 uploaded by the State Secretary on PARIVESH on 12.03.2024 regarding above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Adhiniyam, 1980 and to request that the Regional Office, Bengaluru of this Ministry may kindly inspect the forest land proposed for diversion/identified CA/PCA land and DFL on which the CA was carried as stated by the State Govt. and submit a report to this Ministry at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Additional Chief Secretary (Forest), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
3. DDGF (C) Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru.
4. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (VSESA), 1980, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.