

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

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Dated: April, 2023

**To**

**The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),**  
Dept. of Forest, Ecology and Environment ,  
Government of Karnataka,  
Bengaluru.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 12.4724 hectare of forest land [6.6978 hectare in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest and 5.7746 hectare in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest] near Dharmapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for establishing Closed Pipe Conveyor System from Ramanadurga Iron Ore Mine (RIOM ML No. 2141) in favour of M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Private Limited, Ballari (Online proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/1247/2004). - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 07 FFM 2020 (e) dated 14.11.2022 and 30.01.2023 requesting to modify the condition no. B (iii) of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 24.03.2022 vide which Stage-I/in-principal was accorded for the above mentioned proposal. In this regard it is to inform that after careful consideration of the proposal of the Government of Karnataka and on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby modify the condition no. B(iii) of Stage-I approval letter dt 24.03.2022 as:-

*"The Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 6.6978 ha. of non-forest land at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. With provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance."*

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

**(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to: -**

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

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