

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

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New Delhi – 1100 03
Dated: June, 2024

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
Government of Karnataka,
Bengaluru.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited (New ML No.0013) for non-forestry use of 43.58 ha. 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) 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 enclosed herewith the copy of the Site Inspection Report received vide letter No. 4-KRA1484/2024-BAN dated 27.05.2024 from Regional Office Bengaluru. In this regard, you are requested to submit your comments and compliance on the observations raised in this SIR especially point no. 20 & 21.

2. Further, I am also directed to inform that the Ministry vide letter of even no. dated 26.03.2024 (**Copy enclosed**) has also requested to the State Government for submitting certain information/ documents for instant proposal. The same is still awaited.

3. In view of the above the Government of Karnataka is requested to kindly furnish the above information at the earliest for further processing of the proposal under the Adhiniyam, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. The APCCF cum Nodal Officer, (FCA), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
3. The DDGF (C) Regional Office, Bangalore, MoEF&CC.
4. User Agency.

5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.