

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

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To
DDGF (C),
Regional Office, MoEF&CC
Bengaluru.

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 19.898 ha. of forest land for establishing downhill pipe conveyor system in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, ellary in respect of Subbarayanahalli iron ore mine (ML No.2629) in favour of Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Ltd. (Erstwhile M/S Mysore Mineral Limited), Bangalore, Karnataka (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/36386/2018)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above-mentioned subject wherein the Ministry vide letter of even no. dated 15.10.2019 has granted '*in-principle*' approval. Now, the Government of Karnataka vide letter No. No. KFD/HoFF/A5-1(MNG)/11/2018-FC dated 06.06.2024 (**Copy enclosed**) has requested the Ministry for withdrawal of the '*in-principle*' approval due to the overlapping of area with BKG mines for which the Stage II approval has already been granted vide Ministry's letter dated 14.06.2024. Also, the UA has now applied for a new proposal and the new proposal submitted by the UA vide online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020 is showing pending with UA.

In view of the above, before consideration of the request for withdrawal of the '*in-principle*' approval, you are requested to submit a Site Inspection Report along with recommendation.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru
3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.