

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated:22nd July, 2020

To
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

Sub: Diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest land in North Eastern Block Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for approach road to Mining Lease No. 2487 (an e-auctioned 'C' category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s. Lakshminarayana Mining Company) in favour of successful bidder Mis. MSPL Ltd, Hosapete - Reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 02 FFM 2020 (e) dated 27.03.2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government as per the provisions contained in Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examination of the proposal following shortcomings need clarification: -

1. The State Government has proposed a compensatory afforestation area of 4.85 ha non-forest land. The DSS report reveals that the proposed CA area is falling inside Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.
2. The DCF, Bellari Division has reported that the violation has taken place, the approach road is already used by the previous lessee i.e. M/s Lakshminarayana Mining Company without forest clearance from 21.05.1983 to July 2011 (i.e. dated of first grant of lease). In this regard the Government of Karnataka shall submit a self contained note along with actions initiated in the matter.
3. Information regarding whether the approach road is in use presently or not. If yes, who are the beneficiary.

In view of above the Government of Karnataka is may furnish the clarifications on above mentioned observations at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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Bangalore.

2. The Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.