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To

The Inspector General of Forests (FC),
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi – 110 003.

Subject: Proposal for seeking Ex post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 3.331 Ha (revised from 4.3013 Ha) of forest land in Sy No. 20 Megalahalli Village, Sy No. 9 Marijogihalli Village and Sy No. 6 Bedarabommanahalli Village in Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk and District for approach road to ML No. 2677 through Gate-3 in favour of M/s Vedanta limited, Chitradurga District. (Proposal No: FP/KA/MIN/144881/2021)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Ministry's letter No.8-81/1992-FC Vol.I dated 02/05/2025 on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, please find attached herewith site inspection report along with recommendation of the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) for kind information and necessary action please.

Encl: As above.

Digitally signed by Yours faithfully,
Yasodha K

Date: 11-08-2025

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Title of the Project:	Proposal for seeking Ex post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 3.331 Ha (revised from 4.3013 Ha) of forest land in Sy No. 20 Megalahalli Village, Sy No. 9 Marijogihalli Village and Sy No. 6 Bedarabommanahalli Village in Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk and District for approach road to ML No. 2677 through Gate-3 in favour of M/s Vedanta limited, Chitradurga District. (Proposal No: FP/KA/MIN/144881/2021).					
1.	Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion:					
	District, Taluk, Name of Forest	Village	Sy. No.	Project component	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)	Status of forest land
	Chitradurga District and Taluk, Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest	Megalahalli	20	Approach road	1.828	**Recorded forest
		Marijogihalli	9		0.174	Nirthadi RF
		Bedarabomme halli	6		1.329	**Recorded forest
	** Mysore Government Notification No.G.7707-Ft. 158-38-2 dated 11-07-1939					
2.	Component wise break up:-					
	Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:	Sl. No.	Components		Forest land (in ha)	
		1	Drain		0.469	
		2	Shoulder		0.312	
		3	Carriage way		2.200	
		4	Bund		0.350	
			Total		3.331	
3.	Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or	No.				



	not. If yes, details thereof:	
4.	Total cost of the project at present rates:	Rs.5 lakhs
5.	Wildlife:	Major wild animals present in and around the project area include Leopard, Sloth bear, Hare and Wild Boar among others as reported by DCF.
6.	Vegetation:	The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape of Eco-class-III (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests) with Forest canopy density around 0.4
7.	Background note on the proposal:	<p>The User Agency Vendanta Limited (earlier known as Sesa Goa Limited/ Sesa Sterlite Limited) was granted renewal of mining lease over an area of 164.79 ha (161.54 ha for mining and 3.25 ha approach road through Gate 2) which is part of Nirthadi Reserve Forests, Holakere Range, Chitradurga Division during the year 2014 with effect from 28.10.2012 for 20 years.</p> <p>It is pertinent to note that earlier there was a violation reported by DCF for 2.025 ha as an approach road (through Gate 1) and for that Ex-Post Facto approval was accorded by the MoEFCC under the Forest Conservation 1980 in the year 2019. (Annexure-I, Monitoring is carried out as directed and report is attached for reference)</p> <p>It is to note that the UA has applied a proposal for conveyor belt to transport Iron Ore to railway slide (Proposal No. : FP/KA/MIN/51389/2020) which is pending with DCF.</p> <p>The instant proposal is for Ex-post facto approval for diversion of forest land which is again a violation as reported by DCF, as land proposed for diversion is used as approach road (through Gate3) by UA without prior approval under FCA 1980. The forest land proposed to be diverted is falling under Sy.No.20 of Megalahalli, Sy.No.9 of Marijogihalli, Sy. No. 5&6 of Bedara Bommanahalli Village (Nirthadi Reserve Forests).</p> <p>As informed by User Agency, approach road will be used to transport Iron Ore which are extracted from Vedanta Limited ML2677 to the Steel and Sponge iron plants at the buyer's destination connecting through NH 4.</p>

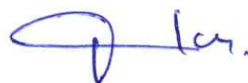


		<p>Average Length, Width and Area of the proposed diversion are listed as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Sy. No</th><th>Village</th><th>Average Length</th><th>Average Width</th><th>Area</th></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Bedarabommenahalli</td><td>1250.5</td><td>10.63</td><td>1.329</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Marijogihallis</td><td>164.9</td><td>10.55</td><td>0.174</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>Megalahalli</td><td>927.95</td><td>19.7</td><td>1.828</td></tr></table> <p>As informed by DCF that the total forest land under violation is 4.00. ha including approach road, office building and fuel station used by the UA without prior approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980. Court case on the same violation is still pending at JMFC (FOC No.18/2022-2023, CC No.848/2023) (Annexure II). The instant proposal has not included the office area and fuel station of UA which are actually violation which is noticed during the field inspection.</p> <p>It is also to mention that the State Government has given temporary working permission for using the road proposed for diversion. The office and fuel station mentioned in the court case is functioning currently.</p>	Sy. No	Village	Average Length	Average Width	Area	6	Bedarabommenahalli	1250.5	10.63	1.329	9	Marijogihallis	164.9	10.55	0.174	20	Megalahalli	927.95	19.7	1.828
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8.	Compensatory afforestation:	<p>The user agency has identified the following non-forest land for CA purpose: -</p> <table><tr><th>District, Hobli/Taluk, Village</th><th>Sy. No.</th><th>Extent in Ha.</th></tr><tr><td>Chamarajanagara</td><td>1191</td><td>2.023</td></tr><tr><td>District, Agara</td><td>1192</td><td>2.023</td></tr><tr><td>Hobli, Yelandur Taluk, Madduru Village</td><td>1193</td><td>2.023</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td>6.069</td></tr></table> <p>In the CA site suitability issued by the Deputy Conservator of Forests and Director, BRT Tiger Reserve, Chamarajanagara, it is stated that the proposed CA land is sharing 25% or more border with the deemed forest area (Sy No.943, Maddur Village) under the control of BRT Tiger Reserve and the area is having some vegetation with some blank places. However, as the said area is having wild animals, the survival of CA plantations will be difficult.</p>	District, Hobli/Taluk, Village	Sy. No.	Extent in Ha.	Chamarajanagara	1191	2.023	District, Agara	1192	2.023	Hobli, Yelandur Taluk, Madduru Village	1193	2.023	Total		6.069					
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		<p>During site inspection it was informed by the filed officers that site proposed for CA for the instant proposal is sharing boundary with proposed section 4 forest area which now under the name of Kharab Land i.e. revenue land in one side and CA proposed area of other project proposals in other sides. Demarcation/ boundary pillars are not noticed during site inspection. Field officers have agreed that KML submitted is of for 4.5ha where in proposed CA area is of 6.069 ha. Accordingly, KML of the CA proposed area has to be re uploaded by DCF for 6.069 ha.</p> <p>As stated by DCF, CA land is having more vegetation along with open spaces. Indirect sighting of animals like Elephant presence are noted during inspection. Elephant proof trench in the boundary is also carried out.</p> <p>Since, CA Plantation cannot be raised in proposed CA NFL land as mentioned by DCF, the afforestation works is proposed to be taken up in degraded forest land for twice the extent of forest land proposed for diversion. Accordingly, the DCF Chitradurga Division has identified degraded forest land of extent 6.670 ha is Sy No. 23 of BG Kere Village (Kamarakaval), Kasaba Hobli, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District and Division which found to be suitable for plantation. However, KML of the DFL is not uploaded in the Part II of the proposal by DCF.</p>
9.	Whether proposal involves violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials:	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The proposal involves violation under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as the User Agency is using the proposed road for transportation of Iron Ore extracted from ML2977 without permission. As informed by DCF Chitradurga FOC No.18/2022-2023, CC No.848/2023 extend of area under violation is 4.00 ha (Annexure I). The violation includes road, petrol pump of the mining company and office premises of the company. It is to note that area violated other than road is not included in the instant proposal for ex-post facto approval.</p> <p>It is also to inform that temporary permission for using the land under diversion is issued by the state government for six months. However, no transportation trucks noticed during site inspection. The UA informed that tendering formalities for the</p>


		<p>same is completed and contractor is yet to start the usage of road for transportation of Iron Ore from the mine ML 2977.</p> <p>The proposed road for diversion includes both forest land and non-forest land. It is mentioned in the proposal and confirmed in the field that the proposed road for diversion is an old road which is under usage by the local people for commuting to their agricultural fields.</p> <p>It is pertinent to note that the UA has not given any undertaking stating proposed road diversion will not affect commuting of local people. NOC from Gram Panchayat/local government body is also not available with the present proposal for using the proposed land under diversion for using transportation of Ore.</p>	
10.	Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not:	NA	
11.	Reclamation Plan:	NA	
	Details and financial allocation:		
12.	Details on catchment and command area under the project:	NA	
13.	Cost benefit ratio:	NA	
14.	Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/State Government:	Recommended	



15.	Recommendations of Inspecting Officer along with detailed reasons:	<p>Revised proposal may be submitted by the User Agency and forwarded by State Government of Karnataka for further consideration with following modifications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total area under violation i.e. 4.00 ha as per FOC filed in JMFC. Fuel station and office premise are not included in the instant proposal which shall be included along with approach road. 2. User Agency has not submitted NOC from Gram Panchayat as the road is used by villagers for daily commute which may be submitted along the proposal. 3. No undertaking has been submitted by the User Agency for usage of the road by the villagers even after diversion of the land as approach road for transportation of Iron Ore which should be included. 4. KML of DFL proposed by Karnataka Forest Department should be uploaded by DCF 5. NFL proposed for CA land is at Chamrajnagar. Encumbrances in the proposed area should be rectified and submitted along with revised proposal are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As informed, area proposed as CA land is contiguous with proposed forest under section 4 identified by the State Forest Department. The KML uploaded is for 4.53 but 6.069 ha as per record submitted by Nodal Officer which is to be corrected and KML should be uploaded accordingly. 2. Demarcation and fencing of the identified CA land should be carried out as nearby encroachment and agricultural fields are noticed.
16.	Regional Chief Conservator of Forests shall give detailed comments on whether there are any alternatives routes/alignment	As attached



	s for locating the project on the non-forest land:	
17.	Utility of the Project:	Mining
18.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious value:	NA
19.	Situation w.r.t. any P.A.	NA
20.	Any other information relating to the Project:	-


Signature

Name and Designation of Inspecting Officer: Smt. Yasodha K
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C)

Date of Inspection: 16/6/2025

16. Recommendation of DDGF (Central) Regional office, MoEF&CC, Bengaluru

Proposal (FP/KN/MIN/144881/2021) seeking Ex-post facto approval for approach road to ML no 2677 through gate 3 in Sy no 20 megalahalli village, sy no 9 Marijogihalli village and sy no 5&6 Bedarabommanahalli village in Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest, Heriguntanuru Hobli Chitradurga taluk and district was inspected by the DIGF (C), RO Bengaluru on 16/06/2025.

The inspecting officer has recorded the recommendation at Column No 15. The undersigned is in agreement with detailed comments made by the inspecting officer in the Site inspection report. The proposal submitted by the project proponent is lacking following details: -

1. The PP has not included the area under fuel station, office premises and additional approach road which are also reported to be raised in forest land without approval of the central government.
2. The approach road sought by the PP is an existing road used by the local villagers for commuting. The right or concession enjoyed by the users on the usage of RoW should be addressed by the PP.
3. KML of the DFL proposed for CA has not been uploaded by the State Government

Further the proposed CA land is susceptible to encroachment. The CA land should be effectively fenced and demarcated. The area mismatch in the kml uploaded in the portal for CA and the record submitted by the State Government have to be rectified.

It is recommended that the proposal may be rectified for the above lacunae and thereafter considered for approval.

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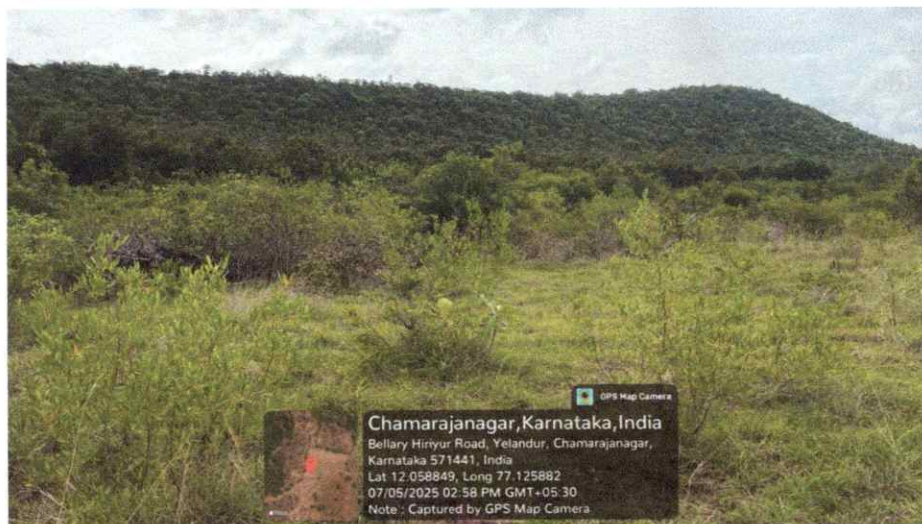
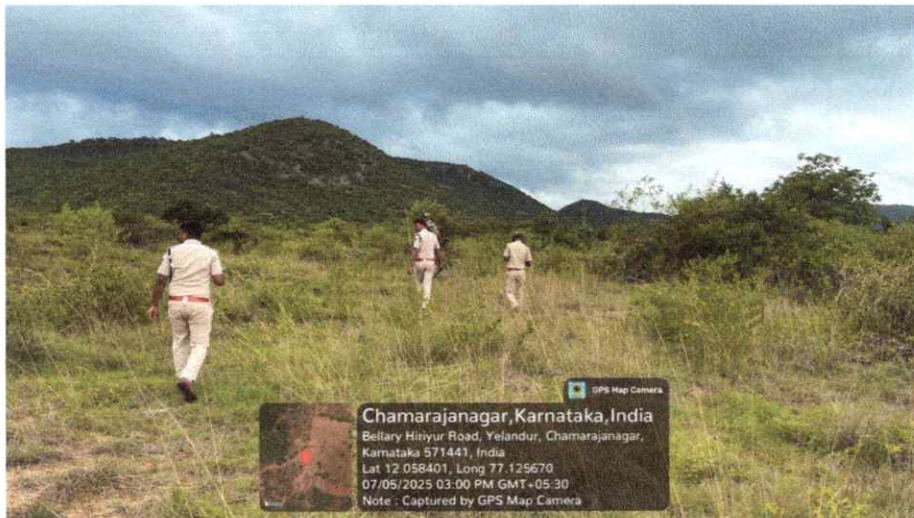
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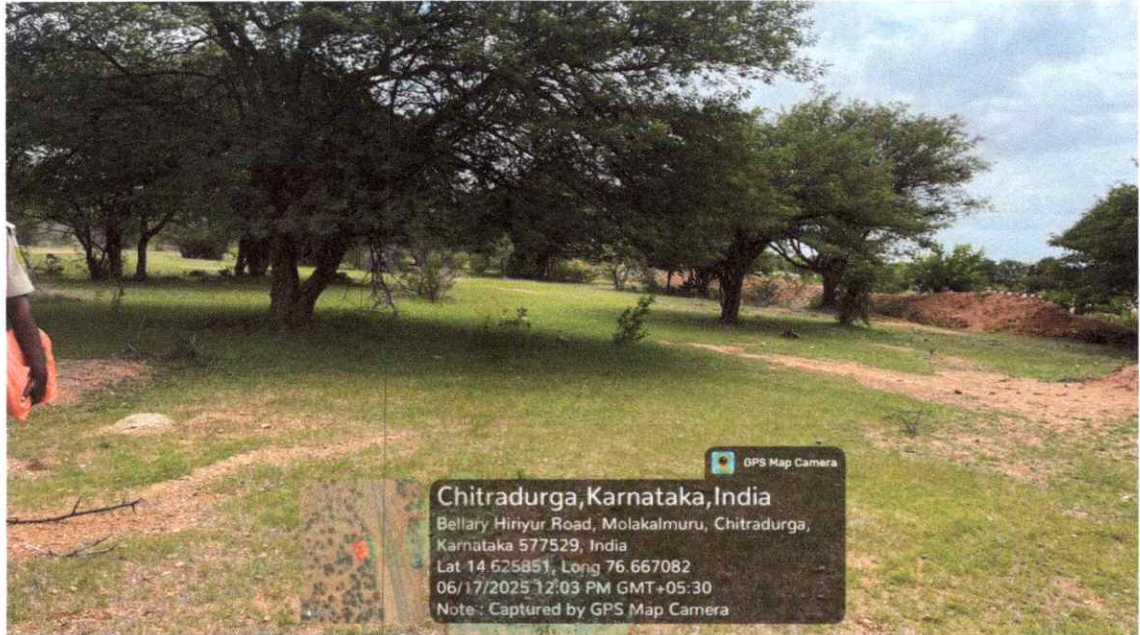
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CA land identified -Non-Forest Land

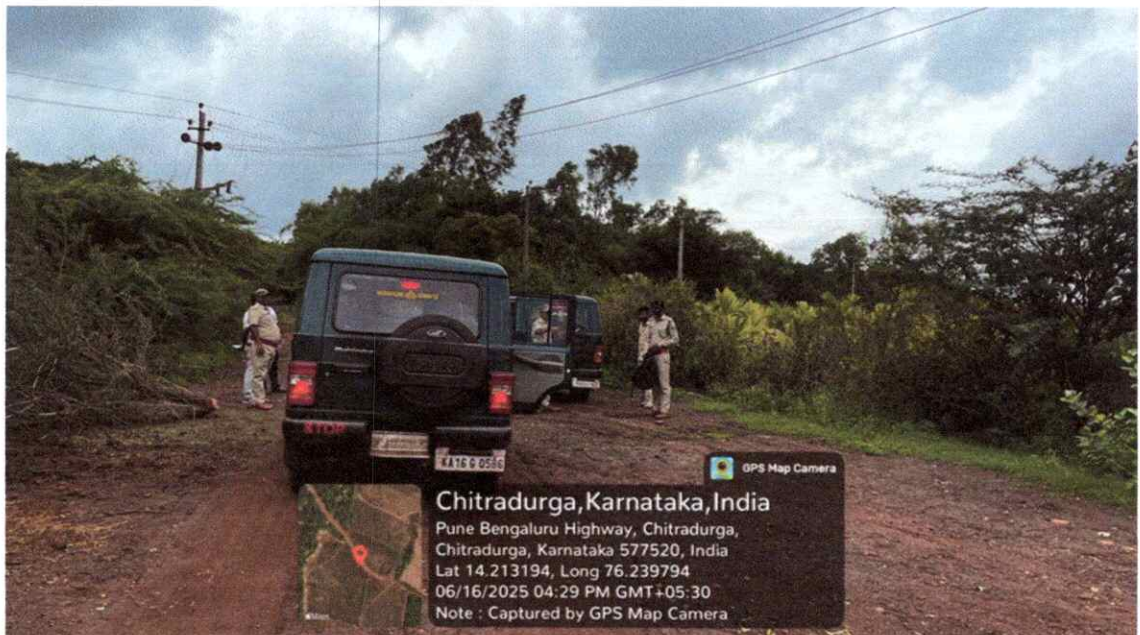


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Degraded Forest Land identified for Compensatory Afforestation



Road Proposed for Ex-post Facto approval



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MONITORING PROFORMAMONITORING OF THE ACTION ON STIPULATED CONDITIONS IN
CASE OF PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
UNDER SECTION-2 OF THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980.

MONITORING REPORT BY: Smt Yasodha K, IFS, DIGF(Central)
ON: 16.06.2025

PART-I (General Particulars)

1	Name/purpose of the proposal	Proposal for diversion of 161.54 ha of forest land for renewal of mining lease no. 2677(Old No. 2236/1602) and 3.25 ha for approach road i.e., for a total area of 164.79 ha in Nirthadi Reserve forest, Holakere range, Chitradurga division in favour of M/s Vedanta limited (Old Name M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited), Chitradurga
2	Number and date of the Government of India's letter according permission	Government of India's letter No.8-81/1992-FC (Pt) dated.30/12/2014
3	Area permitted to be diverted (in Ha)	164.79 ha.
4	District and Forest Division	Chitradurga Forest Division, Chitradurga District
5	Area actually diverted (in Ha)	164.79 ha.

PART-II(Details of Compensatory Afforestation)

1	Location of the area	<p>Compensatory afforestation has not been stipulated either in in principal approval dated 31.7.2013 or Stage II approval granted vide letter mentioned above. But the MoEFCC vide letter No.8-81/92-FC dated 11-7-1996 had stipulated that "compensatory afforestation shall be raised over non forest land equivalent in extent to the forest area to be broken-up afresh i.e., 19 ha. This area will be identified from 95 ha of non-forest land which is being surrendered by the User agency".</p> <p>The DCF, Chitradurga Division has informed vide letter dated 22.1.2013 stated that the land identified for CA in the surrendered area was found to have</p>
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		been encroached and therefore non-forest land (to the extent of 19 ha) in Sy.No.94 of Hindsakatta Village of Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga District was identified. The said non-forest land is transferred in favour of the Karnataka Forest Deptt vide M.R.No.03/2003-04 dated 11-8-2003 and CA was carried out during 2011-12 rains. It is to note that the plantation was carried out without the approval of MoEFCC.
	Extent	19 ha
	District	Chitradurga
	Division	Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga
	Khasra No./Survey No.	Sy.No.94
2	Whether Afforestation is made on forest or non-forest area	Non-Forest Land
3	If on non-forest land, the land has been declared as protected/Reserve Forest (endorsement copy of the notification)	The said non-forest land is transferred in favour of the Karnataka Forest Deptt vide M.R.No.03/2003-04 dated 11-8-2003
4	If no, the steps taken to declare it protected forest	NA
5	Whether the afforestation cost was paid by the user agency	Yes
6	If yes, the amount paid	Rs.14,25,000 on 27.6.1995 and Rs.2,73,000 on 22.11.2010 Rs. 32,500 on 25.11.2010
7	Whether the amount paid was deposited in separate fund and was utilized in addition to the normal funds for forestry operation (give details)	Information Not Available
8	Details of plantation raised:	
a)	Species planted	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i> , <i>Cassia siamea</i> , <i>Sizerospermum</i>

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	Area in Ha.	19 ha
	Year	2011-12
	Expenditure	Rs.12.131 lakh
b)	If compensatory plantation not made, the reasons for the lapse	NA
c)	Condition of plantation	
9	<u>Remarks:</u> It should be mentioned that the plantations are identifiable as specifically related to the project.	

PART-III

(Planting of dwarf trees in case of transmission line)

1	Number of trees planted	NA
2	Species	
3	Year of planting	
4	Expenditure paid by	
5	Present condition of plantation	

PART-IV

(Reclamation of the area worked under mining/quarrying)

1	Mining/quarrying work completed	Mining is in progress
2	Reclamation work done	Reclamation and Rehabilitation is being done by UA as per R&R Plan prepared by ICFRE.

3	Present condition of the area worked/reclaimed.	<p>The area diverted 161.54 ha under mining lease and 3.25 ha for approach road from Gate2 to railway sliding are in operation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the mine lease area, waste dumps are stabilized using mechanical/ engineering and biological measures. Surface runoff from ML are is controlled through retaining walls, gully plugs, garland drains, check dams etc. 2. Safety Zone is maintained inside the mining lease and boundary demarcation of the mine is carried out with boundary pillars for Mine Lease area as well as for safety zone. 3. Road is used for transporting iron ore to BBH/MEL Railway Sliding through Gate2. 4. Green belt is maintained. <p>Some observations on noncompliance of conditions noted are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roadside drains, shoulder and bunds are not quite visible/maintained properly and only road boundaries are noticed which may lead to further soil erosion (photos attached). 2. Settling tanks were not desilted which may lead to overflow of water and damage to the ecosystem due to erosion and instability. 3. Road side plantations are not properly carried out as per R&R plan 4. Plantations on dumps are not carried out as suggested in R&R Plan. 5. Mine pit plantations not seen and iron ore extraction is undergoing. 6. Could notice Road from Gate 1 (to Sasalu Railway Siding) for which violation was regularized and issued Stage I on 23.01.2015 by MoEF&CC (Stage II not issued yet) as ex-post facto approval is functioning. There are
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		dividers in between the road and bunds drains and shoulders are not maintained except carriage way which are supposed to be part of the road. One beneficiation plant is noticed near the Gate I entry which also appears as functioning without approval.
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PART-V

(Conditions stipulated by the Government of India other than mentioned above)

Sl. No	Nature of the terms/conditions	Actions taken by the State Government
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status remains unchanged
2	All conditions imposed by Hon'ble SC in W.P.(C No.562/2009 (Samaj Parivartana & others vs. State of Karnataka & others) including R&R Plan prepared by ICFRE, Safety Zone Plan, Other conditions imposed for re-opening of the mine, etc. shall be complied with.	<p>As per information provided by the UA and records available in this office, UA has paid compensatory amount and submitted undertaking that will pay additional amount if any. The R&R plan prepared by ICFRE is being implemented by the UA.</p> <p>During site inspection it is noted that waste dumps inside the mining lease area are stabilized using engineering and biological measures. Surface runoff from ML is controlled through retaining walls, gully plugs, garland drains, check dams etc. Settling tanks were not desilted for which UA assured will be done in due course of time.</p> <p>Some observations are below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roadside drains are not quite visible/maintained properly which may lead to further erosion. 2. Road side plantations are not done properly but, in some patches. 3. Plantations on dumps are not carried out as suggested in R&R Plan. 4. Mine pit plantations not seen and mining is going on. 5. Green belt is maintained
3	The User Agency shall	UA has paid totally, Rs. 123,599,750 including



	pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	additional NPV as per record.
4	Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake by involving local community, the afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.	Information not provided by the department. UA informed that they did plantations involving local community.
5	The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulating) Act, 1957, or Rules framed there under, subject to a maximum period of 20 years.	It coterminous with the lease period i.e. up to 2032
6	User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and	Complied partially

	rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease.	
7	<p>The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily</p>	<p>As informed by the UA, compliance report is submitted to the Forest Department. Regional office has not received any compliance report recently from/through the state forest department.</p>

	executed.	
8	Following activities shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone:	
A	User agency shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone (7.5 meter strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area), and its protection by erecting adequate number of 4 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the State Forest Department.	Demarcation is done by UA. Forest department should regularly monitor.
B	In case of the mining leases adjoining the habitation stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease adjacent to the habitation/roads should be properly fenced by the user agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation/ regeneration activities in the safety zone.	Fencing of the road is carried out. But the shoulder, bund and drainage which are part of the approved road proposal is not seen in the field. Up to fencing only carriage way is noted (Photos attached). UA should be insisted to use the road as per approval by the field officers.
C	Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around the mining lease and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration shall be taken in this area by the user agency at the project cost under the	Safety zone is maintained as green belt. Forest department should supervise for its maintenance and improvement.



	supervision of the State Forest Department.	
D	Afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone shall also be done by the user agency at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department.	UA has informed that the condition is compiled but detailed information not provided.
9	The User Agency shall implement the Resettlement and Rehabilitation Plan in case of displacement if any as per the Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF&CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones.	NA
10	The User Agency shall undertake de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km. from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact	Not Complied but UA assured that will be done in due course of time.

	of siltation of such tanks/water bodies, whenever required.	
11	Following activities shall be undertaken by the User agency at the project cost:	The R&R plan prepared by ICFRE and approved by CEC is being implemented by the UA. Forest department should monitor continuously.
A	Preparation and implementation of a plan containing appropriate mitigate measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams.	
B	Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion.	
C	Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls along the contour to arrest sliding down of the excavated material.	
D	Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching so as to ensure that the angles of repose/angle of waste dump at any given place is as per the R R plan approved by Hon'ble Supreme Court and its orders in WP(C) No 562 of 2009, and	
E	Strict adherence to the prescribed top soil management.	
F	Ample care shall be taken while reclaiming the mined area by employing suitable top	

	soil management scheme and ensuring plantation of native species of the area	
g	Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching so as to ensure the angle of repose at any given place is less than 28 degrees.	
	These activities shall be undertaken in consonance with the R&R Plan prepared by the ICFRE in WP© No.562/2009 & approved by CEC by the user agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department.	
12	The User Agency shall provide fuel preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.	Complied as informed by UA that labourers/staff working all commute from nearby area and not stay inside/site.
13	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar in consonance with the orders /judgment passed in WP(C) No. 562/2009.	Complied. Regular monitoring by Forest Department is required.



14	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	Complied as informed by UA
15	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.	Complied. Forest officials should monitor regularly.
16	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.	Complied as informed by UA
17	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused	Complied as informed by UA
18	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.	Complied as informed by UA
19	The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds' nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being	Couldn't locate any action taken by the UA



	diverted for the project."	
20	All other conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which the user agency has submitted undertakings shall be complied with.	Complied as informed by UA
21	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly.	UA has informed that compliance report is submitted to Forest Department. But no compliance report is received from State Forest Department in recent years
22	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife.	No other condition was stipulated by Regional Office.
23	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	State Forest Department should monitor and submit compliance report regularly.
24	Stage - II approval shall be subject to in principle decision of the authority in the State Government in terms of Section 8 (3) of MMDR Act-1957 that in the interest of Mineral Development,	UA informed that renewal has been accorded for 20 yrs which is coterminous with the lease period.



	it is necessary to renew the lease.	
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PART-VI

(Conditions informed by the State Government in addition to the Government of India's conditions and other steps taken to preserve forest, wildlife and prevent soil erosion, etc) NA

	<u>Conditions/purposes</u>	<u>Action taken</u>

PART-VII

1	Whether any Committee has been formed for monitoring of the action on the conditions stipulated.	
2	If no, give reasons. If yes, give details of the Committee.	-
3	Reports of the monitoring committee, if any.	-

PART-VIII

1	Abstract reports of inspection of forest officers, if any.	<p>The area diverted 161.54 ha under mining lease and 3.25 ha for approach road from Gate2 to railway sliding are in operation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the mine lease area, waste dumps are stabilized using mechanical/ engineering and biological measures. Surface runoff from ML are is controlled through retaining walls, gully plugs, garland drains, check dams etc. 2. Safety Zone is maintained inside the mining lease and boundary demarcation of the mine is carried out with boundary pillars for Mine Lease area as well as for safety zone. 3. Road is used for transporting iron ore to BBH/MEL Railway Sliding through Gate2. 4. Green belt is maintained. <p>Some observations on noncompliance of conditions noted are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roadside drains, shoulder and bunds are not quite visible/maintained properly and only road boundaries are noticed which may lead to further soil erosion (photos attached).
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		<p>2. Settling tanks were not desilted which may lead to overflow of water and damage to the ecosystem due to erosion and instability.</p> <p>3. Road side plantations are not properly carried out as per R&R plan</p> <p>4. Plantations on dumps are not carried out as suggested in R&R Plan.</p> <p>5. Mine pit plantations not seen as iron ore extraction is undergoing.</p> <p>6. Could notice Road from Gate 1 (to Sasalu Railway Siding) for which violation was regularized and issued Stage I on 23.01.2015 by MoEF&CC (Stage II not issued yet) as ex-post facto approval is functioning. There are dividers in between the road and bunds, drains and shoulders are not maintained except carriage way. One beneficiation plant is noticed near the Gate I entry which also appears as without approval.</p>
2	Remarks of the inspecting officer in regard to progress of the action on the stipulated conditions.	-do-
3	Effect of the project on forests and wildlife.	During site inspection not seen any impact directly on wildlife. Considerable negative impact on forests and wildlife may be there as the ecosystem is disturbed due to open cast mining which may be studied/analyzed by the forest department and UA.



Signature

Name and Designation
of Inspecting Officer:

Yasodha K, IFS
Deputy Inspector General of Forests
(Central)

Date of Inspection:

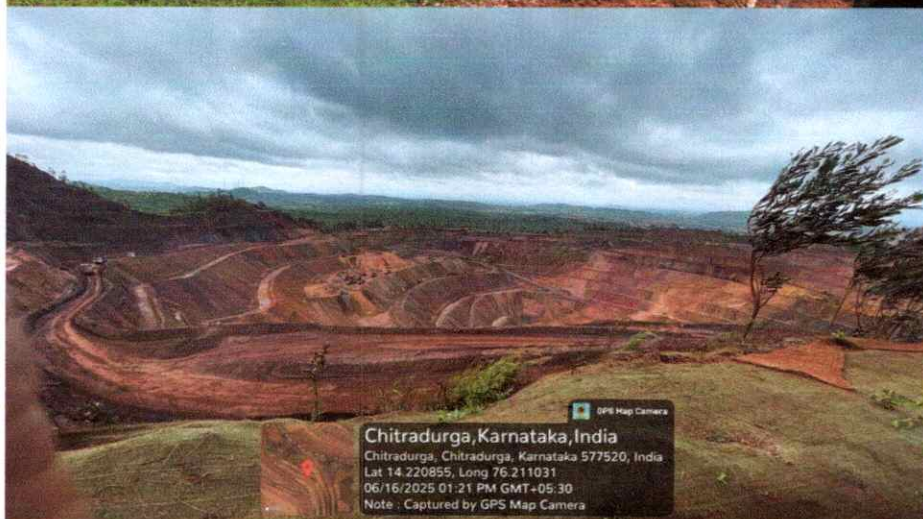
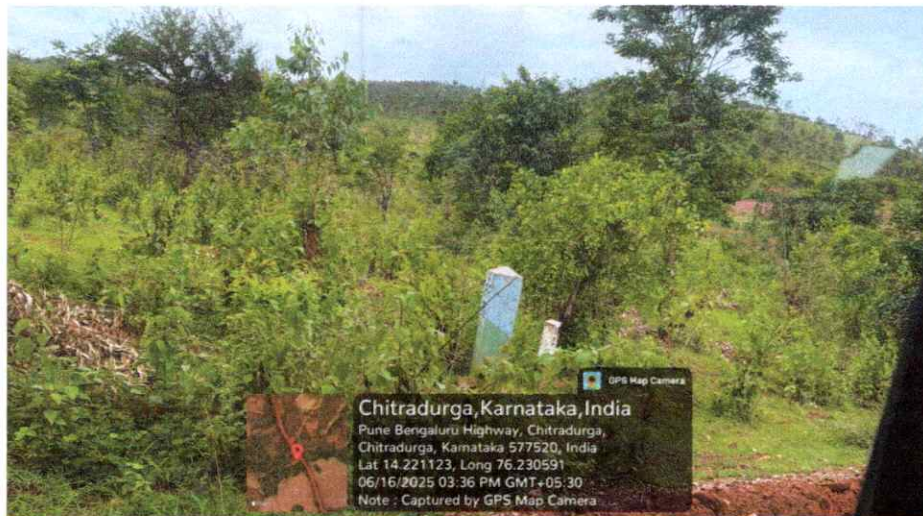
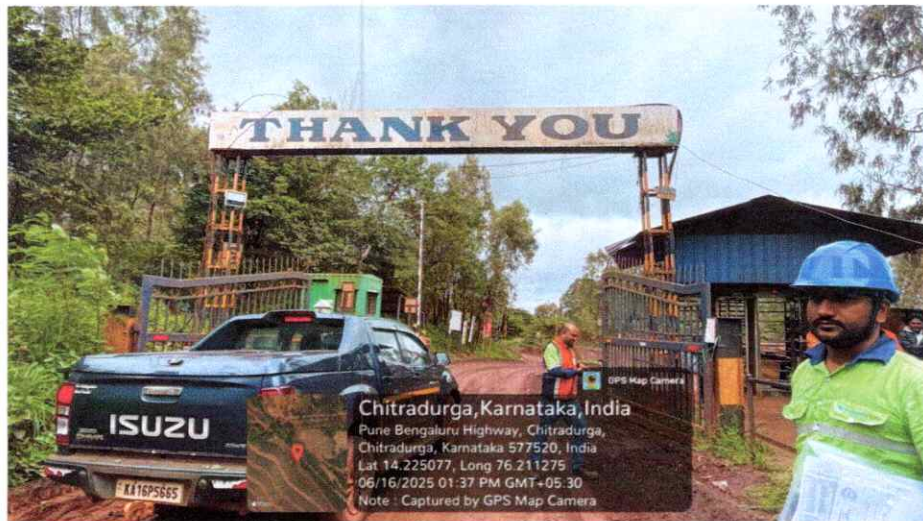
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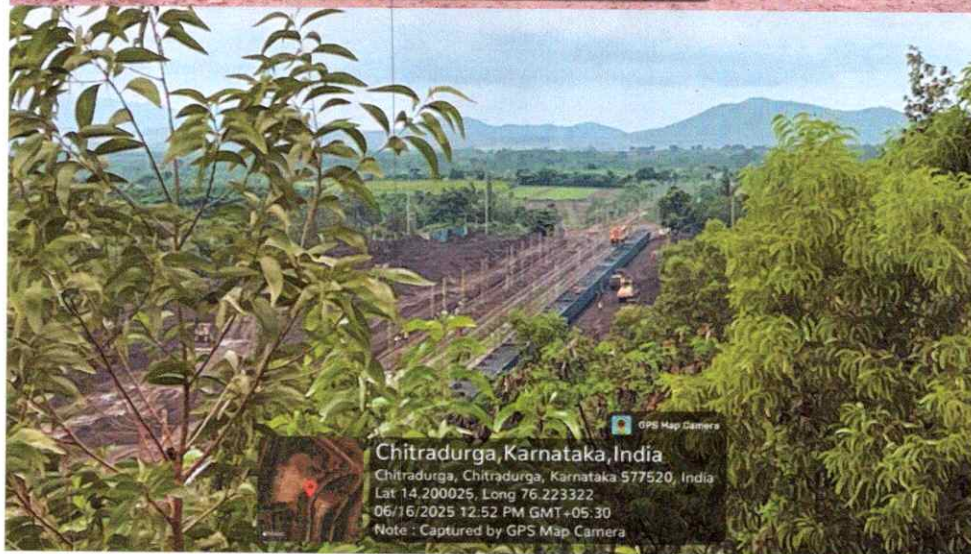
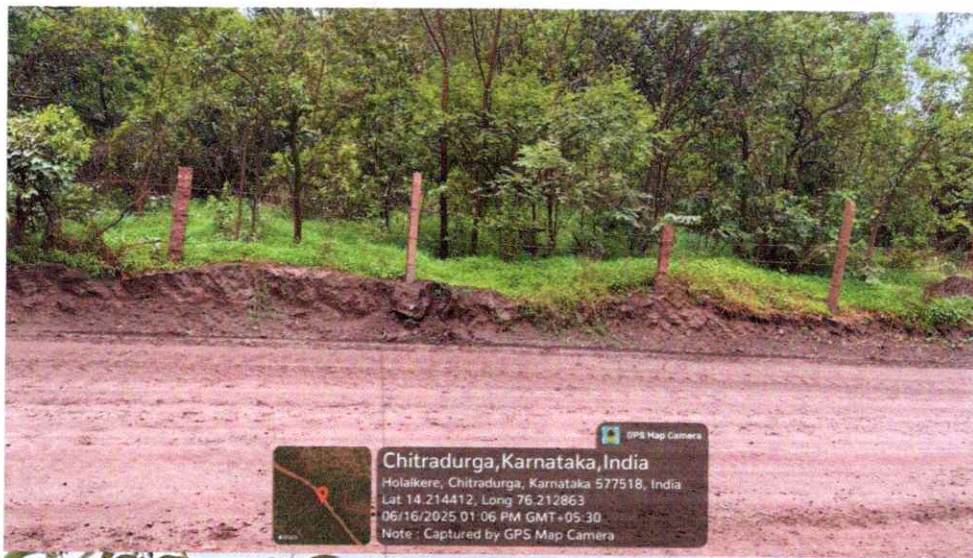
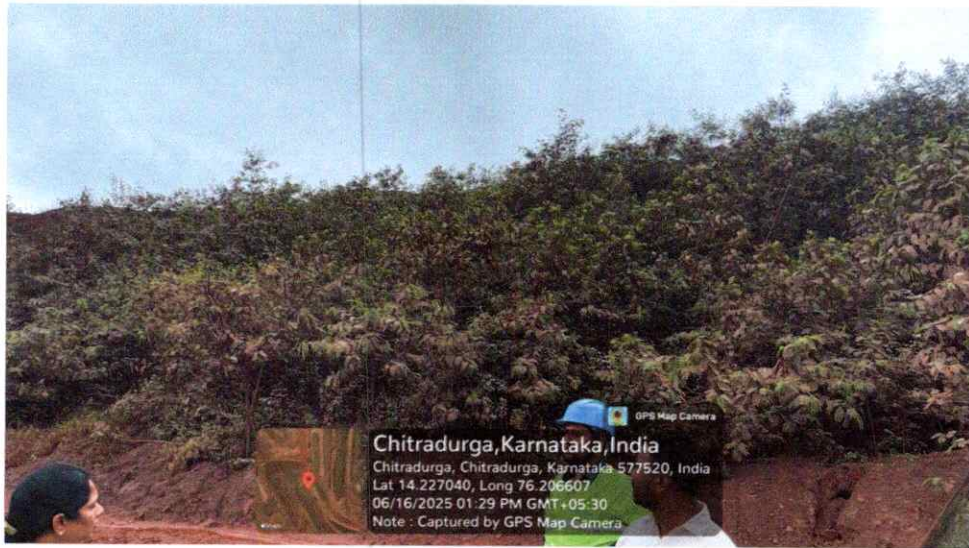
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Photos taken during Monitoring and Site Inspection



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Gate-3 Details

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Gate-3 Details.pdf

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As per Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/14481/2021 Dated:24-06-2021 Extent:4.538 Ha								
District	Taluk	Hobli	Village	Type of Land	Survey No.	Road Length	Average Width	Area in Ha.
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Bedarabommenahalli	Forest Land	5			0.003
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Bedarabommenahalli	Forest Land	6	1243	12	1.492
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Marijogihalli	Forest Land	9	145	12	0.174
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Megalahalli	Forest Land	20	925.5	31	2.869
							Total Area	4.538

As per Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/14481/2021 Dated:02-12-2024 Extent:3.331 Ha (Revised proposal)								
District	Taluk	Hobli	Village	Type of Land	Survey No.	Road Length	Average Width	Area in Ha.
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Bedarabommenahalli	Forest Land	6	1250.5	10.63	1.329
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Marijogihallis	Forest Land	9	164.9	10.55	0.174
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Megalahalli	Forest Land	20	927.95	19.7	1.828
							Total Area	3.331

As per FOC No. 18/2022-23 Dated: 01-10-2022								
District	Taluk	Hobli	Village	Type of Land	Survey No.	Area in Ha.	CC No.	CC Present Status
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Bedarabommenahalli	Forest Land	5	4.00	848/2023	Pending for evidence Next hearing Date: 19-07-2025
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Bedarabommenahalli	Forest Land	6			
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Marijogihalli	Forest Land	9			
Chitradurga	Chitradurga	Hireguntanuru	Megalahalli	Forest Land	20			

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Thanks and Regards,

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Date: 1-10-2022

Form No. 17 [Rule 65 (1)]

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

TRIPLICATE

No. 69760

Date: 1-10-2022

1. Name of Beat, Section, Range and Division

- ಮದಕೇರಿಬೀಡು ನಸ್ರು. 40.ಯುರ್ಗ ಕಾಡು
ಹೈಲೈಲಿ ವಲಯ. 24ರೊಂದು ಎಲ್ಲಾ

2. Place where the offence took place or discovered

- ಬುಗುಬುಗು ನ.ಸಂ-20, ಮಂಜೇರಾಬ್ಬಾ ನ.ಸಂ-9, ಬೆಂಕು
ಬೆಂಕುಬುಗು ನ.ಸಂ-5+45 ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಟ್ಟಿ ತಾಯ್ಕು ಬೆಂಕು ನ
ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಟ್ಟಿ ತಾಯ್ಕುಬುಗು ಕೊಡು 4.00 ರೊಂದು
ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು

3. Nature of the offence

- K.F.A.-1963. ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್-24(A)(6)(b)
K.F.C.A.-1980 ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್-2.

4. Description and quantity of the property seized, where, when and what arrangements made for its safe custody

- ಸುಮಾರು ಕೊಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಕೊಡು
ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು

5. Name and address of the accused. If arrested, how he was disposed off?

- A1. ಶ್ರೀಕೃಷ್ಣಗಿಡ. ಕೊಡು 45 ವರ್ಗ. ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು
ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಕೊಡು MLNo-2236
A2. ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು. ಕೊಡು 35 ವರ್ಗ. Logistic Enclave
A3. ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು. ಕೊಡು 48 ವರ್ಗ. Mangal
ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಕೊಡು MLNo-2236(ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು)

6. Names of witnesses

- 1. ಕೃಷ್ಣಕುಮಾರ್. B. D. D. P. R. F.
2. ಕೊಡುಕುಮಾರ್. L. D. D. P. R. F. B. E. P. R. F.
3. ಕೊಡುಕು. P. C. P. R. F. ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು ಬಿಡುಬಿಡು

Station: B. D. D. K. K.

Date: 1-10-2022

Signature and designation of the
Forest Officer, Reportingಕೆಲಯ ಅರಣ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
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FAC No - 18/2022-23

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಕೈಪಿಡಿ)

ನಮೂನೆ ನಂ.20 [ನಿಯಮ67(3)],

ವಿಷಯ: ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1963 ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 24(a)(g)(gg)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1980 ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 2

ಇವರಿಗೆ,

ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ,

ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು

ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ವಿಭಾಗ ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ

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ಆರೋಪಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಳಾಸ

ಮೇಗಳಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ 20, ಮರಿಜೋಗಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ 09, ಬೆದರುಬೊಮ್ಮೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ 05 ಮತ್ತು 06ರ ನೀರ್ಫಡಿ ಕಾಯ್ದಿಟ್ಟ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದಾಜು 4.00 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿಯಾಗಿ ಅರಣ್ಯೇತರ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ ವೇದಾಂತ ಗಣಿಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕಂಪನಿಯವರು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನಗಳನ್ನು ವಶಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.	ಎ1. ಶ್ರೀ ಶೈಲಗೌಡ ಅಂದಾಜು 45 ವರ್ಷ, ಜನರಲ್ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜರ್. ಮೆ ಸೆಸಾ ಸ್ಟರ್‌ಲೈಟ್, (ವೇದಾಂತ,ಲಿ,,) ಎಂ.ಎಲ್.ನಂ 2236. ಎ2. ಇರ್ಷಾದ್, ಅಂದಾಜು 35 ವರ್ಷ ಲಾಜಿಸ್ಟಿಕ್ ಇನ್ ಚಾರ್ಜ್. ಮೆ ಸೆಸಾ ಸ್ಟರ್‌ಲೈಟ್, (ವೇದಾಂತ,ಲಿ,,) ಎಂ.ಎಲ್.ನಂ 2236. ಎ3. ವಿಜಯ್ ಮೆಹ್ತಾ. ಅಂದಾಜು 48 ವರ್ಷ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜರ್. ಮೆ ಸೆಸಾ ಸ್ಟರ್‌ಲೈಟ್, (ವೇದಾಂತ,ಲಿ,,) ಎಂ.ಎಲ್.ನಂ 2236. ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರು, ಸದರಿ ಮೇಲಿನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಪಿಗಳು ತಲೆಮರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.
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C.C. - Criminal CASES	848/2023	01-07-2023	848/2023	01-07-2023	KACD040017262023

Case Status

First Hearing Date	Next Hearing Date	Case Status	Stage of Case	Court Number and Judge
01-July-2023	31-January-2024	Pending	SUMMONS	233-II ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC

Petitioner and Advocate

1) RANGE FOREST OFFICER, HOLALKERE RANGE
Advocate - REPTD BY APP

Respondent and Advocate

- 1) SRISHAILA GOWDA
- 2) IRSHAD
- 3) VIJAYA MEHTA

Acts

Under Act(s)	Under Section(s)
KARNATAKA FOREST ACT 1963	24(a), 24(gg)

FIR Details

Police Station	FIR Number	Year
RANGE FOREST OFFICE, HOLALKERE RANGE	FOC 18	2022

Case History

Registration Number	Judge	Business On Date	Hearing Date	Purpose of hearing
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PKACD040017262023	01-09-2023	Summons to an accused person [Sec. 61]	IRSHAD, SRISHAILA GOWDA, VIJAYA MEHTA	0/3
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