

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

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**Dated: August, 2023**

**To,**

**The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,**  
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,  
Government of Karnataka,  
**Bangalore.**

**Sub: Ex post facto approval for diversion of 235.648 hectare (revised from 96.868 hectare) of forest land outside Mining Lease area (M.L. No.2396) of Donimalai (DM) Block Forest (Near Narsinghap Village) in favour of Executive Director, M/s NMDC Limited, Donimalai Township, Sandur Taluk, Ballari, Karnataka. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/Others/17464/2016). -regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No.FEE 71 FFM 2022 (e) dated 07.11.2022 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After analyzing the proposal the Ministry vide its letter dt 07.12.2022 requested the State Govt. to submit the additional information.

In this regard, it is to inform that, the State has not submitted the information within the stipulated time period of 90 days as per the provisions of Para 1.20 of the Chapter 1 of Handbook of guidelines issued by this Ministry on 2019.

In view of above, State Govt. is requested to forward the information sought by this Ministry vide its letter dt 07.12.2022 and also provide clarification/justification why this proposal should not be considered for rejection as per the provisions laid in para 1.20 of the Chapter-1 of Handbook of guidelines issued by the Ministry on 28.03.2019.

Yours faithfully,

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

**Copy to: -**

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