

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: August, 2022

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 64.86 hectare of forest land (60.66 ha. for mining + 4.2 ha. for approach road) in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, near Dharmapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Narsimha Iron Ore Mine ML No.2148 [an auctioned C-category mine] erstwhile Lessee Sri H.G. Rangangouda] in favour of M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete, Ballari District (LoI holder). -regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even no. dt 23.08.2022 (**copy enclosed**) wherein this Ministry forwarded a copy of the representation dated 04.08.2022 of user agency as received from M/ s MSPL Ltd., towards instant proposal along-with RTC records and Government orders with a request to carry out site visit of the disputed CA land and submit a report to this Ministry by 27th August 2022. However, the same is awaited in the Ministry.

Now Executive Director, MSPL Limited, Karnataka vide his letter No.MSPL/HGR/TFR/2022-23/03 dated 29.08.2022 (**copy enclosed**) has made another representation requesting to present the facts of the CA lands before FAC. It is stated in the said representation that the CA lands proposed against ML No.2148 are revenue C & D lands.

In view of above, it is once again, requested to kindly furnish the report as sought vide referred letter dated 23.08.2022 along-with comments on the instant representation of user agency at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,
Encl.:as above

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

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Dated: 23th August, 2022

To,

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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 64.86 hectare of forest land (60.66 ha. for mining + 4.2 ha. for approach road) in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, near Dharmapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Narsimha Iron Ore Mine ML No.2148 [an auctioned C-category mine] erstwhile Lessee Sri H.G. Rangangouda] in favour of M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete, Ballari District (LoI holder).-regarding (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/39986/2019). -reg.,

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the representation dt 04.08.2022 (copy enclosed) received from M/s MSPL Ltd., wrt the above mentioned proposal forwarding RTC records and Government orders and informing that the CA lands offered by previous lessee i.e. HG Ranganagowda as Compensatory lands are C&D revenue Lands and not forest Lands. In this regard the IRO Bangalore and Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Karnataka is requested to inspect the disputed CA land and submit a report to this Ministry till 27th August 2022.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
23.08.22

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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3. User Agency.
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Ref: MSPL/HGR/TFR/2022-23 /03

Dated : 29th Aug 2022

The Inspector General of Forests,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Ali-Ganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi – 110 003.

Dear Sir,

Subject : Transfer of Forest Clearance with reference to the letter vide No. FC- 11/136/2021-FC dated 27/04/2022. – Narasimha iron Ore Mine ML.no.2148 (auctioned C-category Mine, erstwhile lessee Sri. H.G. Rangangouda) - Online proposal number FP/KA/MIN/39986/2019.

Reference : 1. MSPL Limited Forest Clearance application dated 26/04/2019.
2. File no. 8-21/2021-FC as per FAC proceedings dated 23.12.2021.
3. MSPL/HGR/TFR/2022-23 /02 Dated 28th June 2022.
4. F. No. 8-21/2020-FC as per the FAC proceedings dated 15.07.2022.
5. Agenda for FAC scheduled on **29th Aug 2022** under Agenda: 5.

We thank you for deputing The DIG Forest (C), Moef, Bangalore who visited the CA land location and we have briefed and submitted the PPT enclosed to establish and prove the Fact that the Erstwhile lessee (H.G. Rangangowda) has offered Revenue C&D Land bearing survey No: 563 extent 161.25 acres for compensatory afforestation purpose against ML NO: 2148.

The Nodle officer, Forest department, GOK informing the FAC as Forest land basedon THE Boundary co-ordinates indicated in the circular issued on 17th April 1895 by Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) on 1895 draft Revenue has no Locus-standi as lot of resettlements have taken place after 1895 and before Forest act 1980.

We request you to kindly permit us to present the facts with documentary evidences before FAC to establish and prove that the CA lands offered against ML No:2148 are revenue C&D lands.

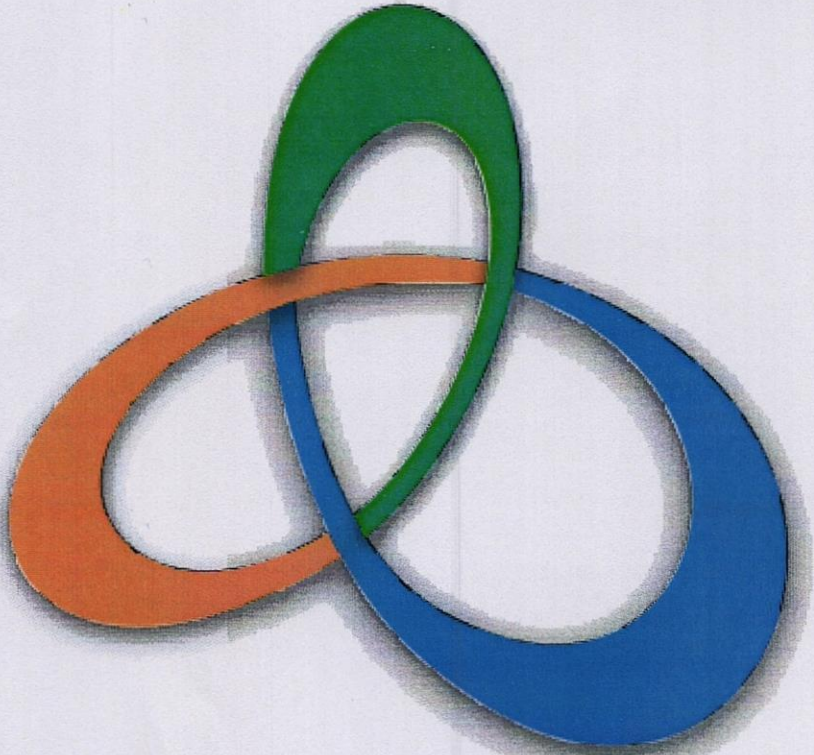
Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For MSPL Limited


(K. Prabhu)
Executive Director.
Encl: Enclosed PPT.

Kindly examine and discuss. The matter is listed in the Agenda of the forth coming FAC. A report form IRO has also come what IRO has no the report. to

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Ca Lands Status-

ML-2148



Flow of authenticated documents



- According to forest the survey number:563 extent 161.25 acres comes in reserve forest range during 1895 as per THE Boundary co-ordinates indicated in the circular issued on 17th April 1895 by Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
- Further to 1895 Indian forest act 1927, Karnataka forest act 1963 came into existence and the first revenue survey settlement has taken place between 1926-1928 and the diaglot formed as a document.
- Subsequently the re-organization of the states, merger of Sandur princely state, formation of Mysore state followed by the Karnataka state formed from 1st Nov 1956 and the revision settlement was ordered by the Government of Karnataka called **HISSA survey** and based on it "**Karnataka revenue settlement akarband**" and "**ROR**" were written during 1965 which are accepted as valid documents with regard to classification and ownership of the Land is concerned.
- As per the "**Karnataka revenue settlement akarband**" the survey number 563 recorded & notified as Govt Kharab Land confirming the ownership with Revenue dept. Govt. of Karnataka.

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- Followed by the **“ROR”** for the year **1968-69** reveals in column 9&6 that ownership of survey number 563 extent 161.25 is with Revenue department and the column number 10 reveals the occupancy by forest.
- As per **“hand over”** and **“taken over”** memorandum No : REV/31/78-79 dated 16.08.1978 signed by Revenue and forest departments jointly reveals 9136.38 acres of revenue C&D land was handed over to forest for afforestation purpose during 1978 and survey No:563 is included in this.
- As per the cabinet decision followed by a memorandum signed all the secretaries under the chairmanship of The Chief Secretary The Govt of Karnataka Vide order No: RD/106/LGP/88 dated 03.01.1991 has ordered to take back all the C & D lands which were handed over to forest during 1978.

Flow of authenticated documents



- Following the GOK decision the forest department has handed over the same 9136.38 acres of REVENUE C&D lands for the purpose of creating Land bank vide **“Hand Over”** and **“ Take Over”** memorandum No: KUM/Bhoomi/258/1991 during Feb 1991 which was jointly signed by Forest & Revenue departments , GOK. Survey No: 563 is included in this.
- The Deputy Commissioner and the District Magistrate ,Bellary has issued order offering survey No: 563 extent 6 161.25 acres CA Land for compensatory afforestation purpose in favor of the erstwhile lessee H.G. vide order No:332/Bhoomi/1991 dated 11.02.1992.
- Accordingly the erstwhile lessee offered survey Number:563 extent 161.25 acres against ML No:2148 to forest department as CA land which was accepted at all levels in GOK & GOI and granted FC in 1992 and the same CA Land is being considered and accorded renewal of the FC during 2006.

Flow of authenticated documents



- The Deputy commissioner and the District Magistrate Bellary has issued the mutation order of the said survey No: 563 extent 161.25 acres in the name of forest as Ca lands for afforestation purpose vide order No: SUM/Kum/Bhoomi/C&D/03/2019 dated 13.11.2019 and accordingly the “ROR” got mutated in the name of forest from the year 2019-20.
- Proponent MSPL after emerging as successful bidder in “e” auction submitted request for 1st stage clearance Initially during 2019 and then submitted request for transfer of mining FC as per moef notification dated 27th April 2022
- Hence with the above documents including the “Revenue survey settlement akarband” after Karnataka state formation the survey Number:563 extent 161,25 acres is a Revenue C&D Land offered to forest for afforestation purpose.

Flow of authenticated documents



- Our humble submission to The FAC is to accord transfer of FC as per Moef notification dated 27th April 2022.

Thank you