

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

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**Dated: 8th September, 2021.**

To,  
**The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Karnataka,  
Bangalore.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 5.271 ha forest land in SM Block in Lakshnipura Village of Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for approach Road, Downhill Pipe Conveyor (DPC) and service road for Devadari Iron Ore mine M.L. No. 2290 in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Torangallu. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/OTHERS/26566/2017).-regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter's No. FEE 29 FFM 2018 dated 24.06.2021 and the documents uploaded in PARIVESH portal on 07.08.2021 wrt the above cited subject, forwarding/uploading the additional information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 28.12.2018 and to say that the examination of the said compliance report revealed that the Documentary Evidence in support of Compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 does not seem to be correct.

This Ministry vide its letter of even no. dt 08.11.2020 has previously requested the State govt. to submit complete compliance of FRA 2006, which includes Gram Sabha and other committees resolutions. But the State government has submitted incomplete information. It may further be noted that all the certificates and documentary evidences should have entry of total area of 5.271 ha (as requested for diversion in the proposal). Any deviation in the area figure, any documentary evidence/ FRA certificate from the collector will not be acceptable.

In view of the above, the Government of Karnataka is once again requested to furnish the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per this Ministry guideline dt 05.07.2013 to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,  
**Sd/-**

**(Sandeep Sharma)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests (HoFF), Government of

Karnataka, Bangalore.

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