

F. No.8-77/2013-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi-110003  
Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Karnataka,  
Banglore.

Sub: Diversion of 109.17 ha of forest land for renewal of Mining Lease No. 2346 to an extent of 103.73 ha for mining and other allied activities and 5.44 ha for approach roads outside the Mining Lease area located at bedara Bommanahalli and other Villages in Nirthadi reserve Forest, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga Division, chitradurga District, Karnataka State in favour of M/s. Mineral Enterprises Limited, Bengaluru.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 23 FFM 2013 dated 26.09.2013 on above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

The Committee, after detailed discussion and examination of the proposal, recommended that in view of provisions of MMDR Act, 1954, as amended and also in view of the MoEF&CC's guidelines dated 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 making the forest clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 co-terminus with period of mine lease, State Government may take action in accordance with MoEF&CC's guidelines dated 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 as far as proposal of the State Government for renewal of Government of India's approval for diversion of 103.73 ha of forest land falling within the mining lease is concerned.

The Committee further recommended as follows:-

1. The State Government may ensure the compliance of the conditions stipulated in Government of India's approval dated 04<sup>th</sup> April, 1997 in accordance with the Forest Conservation guidelines/instructions issued from time to time and compliance of the provisions of the applicable law/Act/guidelines.
2. A separate proposal for diversion of 5.44 ha of forest land for the road falling outside the mine lease may be submitted.

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Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information / documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

  
(B.K. Singh)  
Director (Forest Conservation)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
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(B.K. Singh)  
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