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Karnataka Government Secretariat
Multistoried Buildings,
Bengaluru, Date: 18-08-2022.

From:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,
Bengaluru-560001.

To:

The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor bagh Road, Aliganji,
New Delhi-110003

Sir,

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 401.5761 hectare (revised from 484.0733 ha) [388.00 ha for mining + 13.5761 ha for approach road=401.5761 ha] of forest land in Swamimalai (SM) Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Iron Ore and Manganese Ore Mining in Devadari Hill Range in favour of M/s KIOCL Ltd. (formerly Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited), Bengaluru

Proposal No.:FP/KA/MIN/32568/2018

- Ref:** 1. Your Office Letter No: F.No.8-24/2020-FC, Dated:24-06-2021.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Bengaluru. Letter No:KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/17/2019 -FC, Dated: 09-06-2022 and 21-07-2022.

With reference to the above subject, I am directed to invite your kind attention to letter vide referred at (1) above and forwarding herewith the copy of letter vide referred at (2) above dated: 09.06.2022 along with enclosures submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bengaluru.

With regard to this proposal during the review meeting held on 23.06.2022 pertaining to the pending mining cases it was noticed that there were pending payments / levies from KIOCL to the State. Accordingly, a detailed report with regard to the pending payments from the KIOCL was sought from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bengaluru has submitted detailed report vide letter dated:21.07.2022 cited under reference (2) which may be kindly be perused. Following are pending payments and issues pertaining to KIOCL (with regard to Kudremukha Iron Ore Mining Lease No.909)

- i) KIOCL had illegally utilized 465.73ha. of Forest land within Kudremukh National Park, the same needs to be regularized under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 wherein the user agency has to apply for ex-post facto approval through Parivesh Web Portal and after approval of the same the user agency has to pay all the levies including pentalties which may be imposed at the time of final approval.
- ii) Transfer of Buildings in lapsed revenue lease land to Forest Department
- iii) Use of Lakya Water by KIOCL for industrial purposes.
- iv) Recovery of Permit Fee for transportation of Iron Ore
- v) Recovery of Lease Rent

Hence, the compliance report is forwarded with request to accord Stage-II Approval under Forest Conservation Act – 1980 incorporating suitable directions & conditions towards taking necessary approvals and recovery of the pending levies from the user agency.

Yours faithfully,


(S. SRINIVASA)

Under Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Forest-C)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavana, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.
2. SGF/Spare Copies.