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✓ The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Division, Ballari.

Sub : Diversion of 32.49 ha of forest land (30.9 hectare for mining lease and 2.40 hectare for approach road) in Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Ramdev Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2563 erstwhile 'C' category mine e-auctioned) in favour of M/s. MSPL Limited, Hospet)

(Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/50114/2020 [FORM-A])– Reg.

- Ref: 1) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi letter No. 4-KRC 1387/2022-BAN/920 dated 6-12-2022 [clarification regarding observation made out during field visit by IRO, GOI]
2) Your office letter No.KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/32/2020-FC dtd:26-12-2022
3) This office letter even no. dated. 03-1-2023, 27-7-2023.
4) Your office letter No. M1/MNG/MSPL.ML 2563/2019 dt. 15-9-2023.

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In light of the directions issued by your goodself vide letter (2) cited above and followed by the MoEF & CC letter dated 6-12-2022, has directed this office to re-examine the issue and necessary modification may be made in the approach road proposal and furnish alongwith other details on 7 points as sought for by the Government of India immediately. As such, you have been directed this office letter (3) cited above, to submit the above information.

Accordingly, you have submitted the report on 7 points as sought by the MoEF & CC letter dated 6-12-2022 has directed vide your office letter cited (4) above, duly obtaining from the user agency and got it verified from the concerned jurisdictional field officers for taking further necessary action in the matter.

On perusal of the report submitted by you, the following shortcomings are invariably noticed.

- 1) There is some inconsistency in your in respect of nature of permission obtained by the State Government from the Hon'ble Supreme Court for e-auctioning of ML No. 2563.
- 2) Whether the earlier lessee M/s. Kanniahahalal Dudheri was enjoying the road to the tune of 2.40 ha. and FC obtained by them or otherwise. If No, how the earlier lessee was allowed to use the said road without FC, needs to be clarified.

- 3) How the mining activities were allowed to the earlier user agency without getting the C & D class land transferred and mutated in favour of the Forest Dept. the list of erring officers/officials need to be given for their lapses.
- 4) It seems no field inspection have conducted either by the Deputy Conservator of Forests/Asst. Conservator of Forests or Range Forest Officer before submitting the factual report and its needs to be verified physically to ascertain the short comings as noticed therein.

Therefore, you are hereby directed to rectify the same and to re-submit the same after conducting thorough field inspection.



Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.