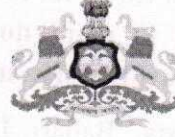


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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sub: Diversion of 4.85 hectare of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach Road to Mining Lease [ML] No. 2487 [an e-auctioned C-category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company] in favour of the Successful Bidder, i.e., M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/37101/2018 [FORM-A] [under process for Stage-I approval]

Ref: Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, (FC Division), New Delhi letter No. 8-39/2003-FC (Vol.) dated 22-07-2020 [EDS query]

The Government of India vide letter cited above has communicated the following shortcomings on the abovementioned proposal.

- 1) The State Government has proposed a compensatory afforestation area of 4.85 ha non-forest land. The DSS report reveals that the proposed CA area is falling inside Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 2) The DCF, Bellary Division has reported that the violation has taken place, the approach road is already used by the previous lessee i.e. M/s Lakshminarayana Mining Company without forest clearance from 21.05.1983 to July 2011 (i.e. dated of first grant of lease). In this regard the Government of Karnataka shall submit a self contained note along with actions initiated in the matter.
- 3) Information regarding whether the approach road is in user presently or not. If yes, who are the beneficiary.

Enclosing herewith a copy of the said letter, you are directed to get the clarification on the above two points (Sl.No. 2 & 3) from the Deputy Conservator of Forests Ballari Division and submit the same to this office with your specific opinion on the same.

The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the same to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy along with copy of Government of India letter referred above communicated to the:

- 1) Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle for information and **with a request to submit the information with regard to point no.1 after obtaining from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division immediately.**
- 2) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information and necessary action as stated above.
- 3) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division, Belagavi for information and **necessary action to submit the information with regard to Point No.1 through the Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle immediately.**
- 4) M/s MSPL Limited, Baldota Enclave, Abheraj Baldota Road, Hosapete, Ballari District – 583 203 for information.