



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

No. M1/MNG/SKME/Conveyor belt/2019-20

Dated:31.08.2021

To,

Srikumaraswamy Mineral Export Private Limited,
No.462, 4th Ward, SMIORE Colony, Near Fire Station,
Sandur – 583 119.

Sir,

Sub : Diversion of 12.4724 hectare of Forest land in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest (6.6978 ha) and Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest (5.7746 ha), Near Dharmapura Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for establishing Closed Pipe Conveyor System from Ramadurga Iron Ore Mine (RIOM) ML No.2141) in favour of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral exports Private Limited Ballari –Reg., **Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/39394/2019 [FORM-A]**

- Ref:1) Letter No. 4-KRC040/2004-BAN Dt.12.08.2021 of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional, Bengaluru.
2) Letter No.KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/30/2019-FC Dt. 13/17.08.2021 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore.

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With reference to the above subject, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional, Bengaluru has directed to furnish the following information regarding diversion of 12.4724 hectare of Forest land in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest (6.6978 ha) and Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest (5.7746 ha), Near Dharmapura Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for establishing Closed Pipe Conveyor System from Ramadurga Iron Ore Mine (RIOM) ML No.2141) in favour of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral exports Private Limited vide letter under Ref (1).

- i. The KML files of the area on DSS it is observed that already two approach roads are there to the existing mines. The FAC has observed that the State Government has not submitted the report on the alternatives explored. State Government shall explore possibility of using the existing road for maintenance of the Conveyor belt instead of proposing new road.
- ii. The FAC has observed that the existing railway line is distant from the proposed terminal point of the conveyor belt, and a part of the forest area is proposed to be diverted for railway siding at the proposed terminal point. State Government may submit the justification of proposing the terminal point, well ahead of the existing railway line along with review if forest area proposed for the railway siding could be avoided / minimized.
- iii. Serious note was taken by FAC that the State Government has not yet notified the CA land provided in-lieu of diversion of the forest land approved earlier for mining (60.56 ha) as RF / PF despite considerable number of years have passed by. It was noted that as per extant guidelines, the CA land has to be notified as RF / PF before Stage-II is granted. The Copy of the Notification shall be submitted.
- iv. The area being hilly with steep slopes, a detailed Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan for the area shall be required.

Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore has directed to furnish the above mentioned information / documents duly obtained from the User Agency vide letter under Ref(2).

Therefore, it is directed to submit the above information in 06 sets through the Range Forest officer, Sandur North Range, Sandur and Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari for further process. This is for your information and further action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-
Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

- 1) Copy to Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari for information and necessary action.
- 2) Copy to Range Forest officer, Sandur North Range, Sandur for information with a instructions to obtain above information from the User Agency and submit through Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari.

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

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