



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST  
BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

No.M1/MNG/NMDC/M.L.No.1111/2018-19

Dated: 01.09.2021

To,

M/s NMDC Limited,  
Donimalai Township,  
Sandur Taluk,  
Ballari District – 583 118

Sir,

**Sub:** Proposal for diversion of 75.92 ha of forest land (near M.L. No.2396 of NMDC) in Donimalai (DM) forest Block, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District for construction of new Screening Plant-II, Two Tailing dams (I & II) and laying of Water pipeline in favour of NMDC limited. Donimalai Township, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District [**Online Proposal No. FP/KA/Others/14576/2015**]

- Ref:**
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi letter F.No. 8-17/2021-FC dated 06-08-2021 [*Sought additional information*]
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 16 FFM 20219(e) dated 25-06-2021 to Government of India [*proposal seeking Stage-I approval*]
  3. Letter No. No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/31/2019-FC Dt.09/10.08.2021 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bangalore

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With reference to the subject, the Ministry Environment, Forests & Climate Change, the Government of India has raised following shortcomings regarding Proposal for diversion of 75.92 ha of forest land (near M.L. No.2396 of NMDC) in Donimalai (DM) forest Block, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District for construction of new Screening Plant-II, Two Tailing dams (I & II) and laying of Water pipeline in favour of NMDC limited. Donimalai Township, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District vide letter under Ref(1).

- i. The User Agency has applied the instant proposal under the others category in PARIVESH portal instead of Mining category. The components mentioned for diversion seems to be the ancillary activities of Mining. In this regard the State govt. may provide its Justification.
- ii. From the documents submitted by the State Government it is not clear that whether these activities were already part of the earlier approved Mining Plan (ML 2396).
- iii. The State Govt. is requested to submit the detail of total Mining Lease of the entire Area.
- iv. The State Govt. is requested to submit the details of total Forest land involved in the entire Mining Lease and the details regarding how much Forest area has already been diverted.
- v. The State Government is requested to submit the approved mining plan and valid lease documents including the lease period.
- vi. The State Government may clarify whether the instant proposal is a part of the old proposal which was granted stage-II approval vide this Ministry's letter no. 8-107/91-FC Dt 06.02.2009. KML file for the entire area of lease along with separate files of non- forest and forest area within lease shall be provided.

- vii. The Cost Benefit (CB) ratio uploaded by the User Agency has not been verified/signed by the competent authority in the forest department. Moreover, it shows higher value and shall be re-verified by the State Government. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to submit the revised CB ratio approved as per latest guidelines.
- viii. The CA Scheme for 12 years is uploaded in the PARIVESH portal and the same is not legible In this regard a legible copy of CA scheme may be uploaded in PARIVESH by the State Government.
- ix. The present status and KML file of the CA areas w.r.t. the earlier granted stage-II approval vide this Ministry's letter No. 8-107/1991-FC Dt. 06.02.2009 may be forwarded to the Ministry.
- x. The complete compliance of the earlier diverted area i.e. 608 ha which was granted Stage-II/final approval vide this Ministry's letter No. 8-107/91-FC Dt. 06.02.2009 may be submitted by the State Government.
- xi. The Compensatory afforestation has been proposed over C&D class over Non-forest/ Revenue land equal in extent to the forest land being diverted. But the proposed CA land is reported to be not suitable for carrying out plantation. As per the existing Rules and Guidelines number of plants to be planted over Non-Forest land identified for CA shall be at least 1000 plants per hectare. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to identify the degraded forest land where the balance seedlings can be planted and forward the kml files of the site to this Ministry with the revised CA Scheme.
- xii. The Site suitability certificate submitted by the concerned DFO mentions about an area of 451.228 ha., but the area requirement for CA in instant proposal is 75.92 ha. In this regard, a revised site suitability may be submitted and clear recommendation for the CA area over non forest land may be provided. From the perusal of documents it is not understood that why the CA suitability certificate of 451.228 ha has been submitted.
- xiii. The proposal is not site specific and it is requested to explore non forest area for establishing the proposed structures. The details about the alternate sites explored and identified for the instant proposal by the State Government shall be submitted.

Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore has directed the undersigned to submit the information / documents vide letter under Ref(3).

Thus, the FC web portal link has transferred to you for taking further necessary action in the matter with a request to submit the above information / documents through the Range Forest officer, Sandur South Range and Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Competent Authority.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours Faithfully,

Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Division, Ballari

- 1) Copy to Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari & Kudligi Sub-Divisions for information and necessary action.
- 2) Copy to the Range Forest Officer, Sandur South and Ballari Range for information and to submit the above information and documents through the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari after obtaining from the User Agency.
- 3) Copy submitted to the Range Forest Officer, Gudekote Range, Gudekote for information and directed to submit the CA Suitability Certificate in prescribed Form-B as per the guidelines.

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