

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 10th Nov, 2022

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment,
Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

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).-regarding.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter FEE 16 FFM 2021 (e) dated 25.06.2021 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 17.10.2022. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. After going through the details of the proposal, the FAC deferred the proposal for want of the below mentioned information: -

- i. The State Government shall submit the justification for creation of two tailing dams in the forest land in view of the observations made by IRO Bangalore.
- ii. The State Government shall clarify regarding rights claimed under FRA 2006 as per the submission made vide letter dt. 13.10.2022 *vis-a-vis* certificate dt. 13.09.2019 submitted by the DC, Bellary earlier with the instant proposal.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bharadwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.

4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.