



To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga

Sub:-Diversion of 9.547 Ha. Of forest land in Hirekandavadi Village Sy.No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy.No. 35, B-Durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluka and Dindadahalli Village Sy.No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluka, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 in favour of M/s. Vedanta Limited Chitradurga.

Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/51389/2020 [FORM-A]-reg.

Ref:-1) Letter No. FEE 20 FFM 2023 (e) dtd. 13-9-2023.

2) Letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-1/(MNG)/28/2018-FC dated 21-9-2023 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (FC), Bengaluru.

3) This office letter even No. dated. 30-9-2023.

4) Your letter No. A6/FC/VEDANTA/CB/CR-03/2021-22 dtd. 18-10-2023.

With reference to the above cited subject, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (FC) Bengaluru in his letter (2) cited above and followed by the directions issued by the Government of Karnataka in its letter (1) above, has called for certain additional information of 9.547 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s. Vedant Limited for the establishment of conveyor project for iron ore mine bearing ML No. 2677 duly examining the issue as per rules along with your specific opinion/ detailed report in this juncture.

While going through the report submitted by you in letter (4) cited above, it appears that, you have not inspected the said mining lease area in order to ascertain the status of mining and permitted quantity of iron ore and present status of mining and its transported quantity of iron ore.

Hence, you are therefore instructed to inspect the ML area in question and arrange to ascertain the additional information on the three points as raised by the Government of Karnataka as your physical verification is quite mandatory to give your specific opinion/ detailed report on all the above issue. In future you are also strictly instructed not to submit such inconsistent report in order to avoid un-necessary correspondence and delay in this instant case.

— Sd/-
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.
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- 1) Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (FC), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru for kind information. .
- 2) Copy to M/s Vedanta Ltd., Sesa Goa Iron Ore, Karnataka, Megalahalli office complex, Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga-577520 for information.

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