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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,  
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,  
M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,  
Bangalore – 560 001.

**Subject:** Diversion of 28.299 ha. of forest land (26.699 ha for mining lease and 1.60 ha for approach road) for mining purpose in favour of successful bidder i.e. MSPL Ltd., Hospete, Bellary District (erstwhile 'C' Category mine MI No. 2559 of M/s Karthekeya Magnase and iron ore Pvt. Limited) in Subbarayanahalli Village, sandur range, Bellary district

Sir,

I am to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE 25 FFM 2019 (e) dated 23.07.2021, 06/01/2021 and 27/10/2021 on the above subject and to inform that the proposal was examined in consultation with Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi. In this regard, it is requested that the following information /clarification may kindly be furnished to this office, for further consideration of the proposal:-

- (i) The detailed status of implementation of R&R Plan along with activities undertaken.
- (ii) The civil liabilities of erstwhile lessee.
- (iii) The Action Taken Report by the State Government against the violation of IFA, 1927 / Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 for illegal mining and violation of IFA, 1927 / Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 including the details of cases lodged, complaint filed by the Forest Officials and orders of the Courts.
- (iv) State Government may clarify whether any orders have been issued by the State Authorities for use of forest land in respect of this lease to the erstwhile lessee. If so, the details of such orders issued and officials responsible for the same may be furnished.
- (v) How the "Conservation loss" due to illegal mining in the instant case, related to Category 'C' Mine has been taken in to account while recommending the proposal by the State Government.

Yours faithfully,

(K.P. Singh)

Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

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