

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
(ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು) ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
Office of the
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)



ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, 18ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ
ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು -560 003
AranyaBhavan, 18th Cross
Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560 003
Telephone: 080 2334 6472
Email: apccffc@gmail.com

E-Office File No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/12/2018-FC

E-62505

Dated: As per signature

To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

Sub: Diversion of 19.3044 ha of forest land in North Eastern (NE) Block, Sandur North Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor Belt at Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine, ML No.2605 in favour of M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited [erstwhile M/s Mysore Minerals Limited], Bengaluru

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/47146/2020 [FORM-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number letter dated 07-06-2022 & 22-05-2025 [submission of Stage-I proposal to GoK]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE/48/FLL/2020 (e) dated 17-09-2025.
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Koramangala, Bengaluru letter F.No.4-KRC1521/2025-BAN dated 23-10-2025 [sought additional information]

In response to the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) to the Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) to the Government of India. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (RO), Bangalore vide Ref (3) has requested to furnish following documents/clarification/information for further processing of the proposal.

- i. The State Government is requested to submit the recommendation of PSC as per rule 9 (5) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
- ii. The cost : benefit ratio has not been calculated as per the parameters/format provided in comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023. It is requested to furnish the revised C:B ratio considering the parameters/format given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.

- iii. The State Government is requested to submit the CA suitability certificate of the CA land identified.
- iv. Number of trees enumerated for felling is on the higher side. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to explore the possibilities to reduce the number of trees to be felled.
- v. The details of the alternatives examined is not provided. Therefore, the State Govt. is requested to submit the alternatives examined and the reason for its rejection.
- vi. The State Government is requested to submit the justification for proposing the stock yard in the forest land. Further State Govt, is also requested to explore the possibilities to shift the stockyard to a non-forest land.
- vii. It has been informed by the DCF in Form A part-II, that the area proposed for diversion is situated on a ridge, the proposed area is having steep slope. Hence, Soil erosion could be an issue. Therefore, User Agency may be suggested to take necessary steps to prevent soil erosion. In this regard, the user agency is requested to submit the SMC plan approved from the component authority.
- viii. It has been informed by the DCF in Form A, Part-II, that the area proposed for diversion have rare, endangered, or unique species of flora and fauna. In view of this, the State Government is requested to obtain and submit specific comments from the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) regarding the potential impact of the proposed project on these species. Further, a site-specific Wildlife Mitigation Plan may be prepared and submitted with the approval of the CWLW.

You are therefore required to provide the details / information / documents / clarification through the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle to this office at earliest for further communication of the same to the Government of India through the Government of Karnataka for further consideration of the proposal for in-principle stage-I approval.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to the:

1. Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Limited) TTMC "A" Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, KH Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru – 560 002 for information.