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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Karnataka,
Forests, Environment & Ecology Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore - 560 001

Sub: Diversion of 22.2887 ha (revised from 23.863ha) of forest land in Swamimalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for pipeline conveyor belt at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2629 in favour of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (erstwhile mysore minerals ltd) Bengaluru-reg. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government letter dated 25/10/2024 on the subject above. In this regard, the proposal submitted by the State Government has examined in this office and it is requested to provide following information/clarification for further processing the proposal: -

1. The State Government has processed this proposal as per FC Rule 2022. However, Ministry in supersession to Forest (Conservation) Rule, 2022 has notified the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023, as per the said rule and as per the Ministry guidelines dated 25th January, 224, instant proposal requires recommendation of Project Steering Committee. Therefore, it is requested to provide the recommendation of Project Steering Committee for this proposal.
2. The cost : benefit ratio has not been calculated as per the parameters 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 given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.
3. The approved Catchment Area Treatment Plan as suggested by the State Government has not found enclosed with the proposal. Therefore, the same may be provided.
4. There is also a discrepancy with regard to total forest area proposed for diversion mentioned in PART-I of the proposal as well as with the corresponding KML file submitted for each component. Therefore, the same may be rectified and also the correct KML file of each component may be

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provided.

5. The MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide its letter No. 8-114/1992FC (VOL) dated 15/10/2019 had already accorded in-principal approval for diversion 19.898 ha for the installation of conveyor belt. Therefore, the State Government is requested to clarify whether the any work has been carried out as per the said approval or otherwise, along with specific comments of State Government for submission of new proposal.
6. State Government is also requested to clarify whether proposal has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal in-principle approval for which MoEF&CC has already granted in-principle approval on 15/10/2019, if so the status of the same may be furnished.
7. The State Government is requested to provide the status of the proposal of change of name of the user agency, which is under correspondence with MoEF&CC and State Government.

Yours faithfully

(M.K.Shambhu)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

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