

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

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Dated: 17th January, 2022

To,
The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & 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 No. FEE 16 FFM 2021 dated 30.12.2021 on the above mentioned subject forwarding the additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dt 06.08.2021 and to say that after examination of the additional information/documents submitted the following observations are made as below:

- i. The proceeding of a meeting of the committee constituted by the MoEF&CC held during 24th - 25th October, 2016 for grant of Environment Clearance and Justification letters as referred in letter dated 30.12.2021 of the State Govt. is not received in the Ministry neither it has been uploaded in PARIVESH portal. The same may be forwarded to this Ministry. Moreover, the State Govt. is requested to provide its comments on the justification given by the User Agency.
- ii. The complete compliance report of the approvals of 608.00 ha and 341.20 ha as referred in letter dated 30.12.2021 of the State Govt. is not received in the Ministry neither it has been uploaded in PARIVESH portal. The same may be forwarded to this Ministry. Further, the Status of the un-diverted land (i.e. 162.31 ha) as mentioned in State govt. letter dt 30.12.2021 may be submitted to this Ministry.
- iii. Approved Mining plan of both the mines i.e. Donimalai Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2396) & Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 1111) along with the valid

lease documents as referred in letter dated 30.12.2021 of the State Govt. is not received in the Ministry neither it has been uploaded in PARIVESH portal. The same may be forwarded to this Ministry.

- iv. The KML file for the entire area of lease (Donimalai Iron Ore Mine; ML No. 2396) along with the separate file of non-forest area with the leases as referred in letter dated 30.12.2021 of the State Govt. is not received in the Ministry neither it has been uploaded in PARIVESH portal. The same may be forwarded to this Ministry.
- v. The revised CB ratio referred in letter dated 30.12.2021 of the State Govt. is not received in the Ministry neither it has been uploaded in PARIVESH portal. The same may be forwarded to this Ministry.
- vi. The KML file for the CA areas w.r.t the earlier granted Stage-II approval vide this Ministry's letter No.8-107/1991-FC dated 06.02.2008 is not submit by the State Govt. The same may be forwarded to this Ministry.
- vii. The KML file of the degraded forest land with the revised CA scheme has not submitted by the State Govt. In this regard, the State Govt. is once again requested to submit the same.
- viii. The revised Suitability certificate of already identified NFL (i.e. 75.92 ha.) and the newly identified Degraded forest land whether the remaining plants will be planted is not submitted by the State Govt. The same may be forwarded to this Ministry for further examination.
- ix. State Govt. is requested to clarify whether the nature of violation comes within the purview of Section 3A and/or Section 3B of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. is encroachment or violation under FCA 1980. If yes, the names of the officials/authorities and the action taken by the State Government so far may be intimated.
- x. The annexures and KML files as mentioned in the State Govt. letter dt 30.12.2021 was not received in the Ministry neither it has been uploaded in the PARIVESH portal. In this regard the state Govt. is requested to submit the same to this Ministry or upload all the documents in PARIVESH portal.

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

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Rinku Kumari)

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.