



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

No.M1/MNG/JSW/M.L.No.008(995)/Approach Road/2019-20

Dated :23.01.2023

To,

M/s. JSW Steel Limited,
P.O. Vidyanagar
Ballari District – 583 275

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.4406 ha of forest land for approach road to and from Ubbalagandi Iron ore mine M.L.No.008 in Ubbalagandi Extn RF of Ubbalagandi Village, Ballari Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu.

Online Application No. FP/KA/39765/2019 (Form-A)

Ref :1) Online Application No. FP/KA/39765/2019 (Form-A)

2) This office even number letter Dt. 28.04.2022

3) Letter No. K-KRC1358/2022-BAN/1053 Dt. 07/09.12.2022 of the Government of India.

4) Letter No.KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)48/2018-FC Dt.23/06.12.2022 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bangalore

5) Letter No. M1/MNG/TRF/MLNo.995/JSW/CR-9/2018-19 Dt. 29.12.2022 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari

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With reference to the above subject, office of the undersigned has submitted the information regarding for diversion of 1.4406 ha of forest land for approach road to and from Ubbalagandi Iron ore mine M.L.No.008 in Ubbalagandi Extn RF of Ubbalagandi Village, Ballari Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu vide letter under Ref(2).

Further, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has stated that, *"the area proposed for diversion was inspected on 16.11.2022. During the site inspection it came to notice that there is already a road to the instant mine which is primarily passing through the non-forest land and was being used by earlier lessee. The existence of non-forest alternatives was not even mentioned in the proposal. The FC Act and Guidelines envisage that the existing non-forest land should be the priority for use, and forest land should be considered only in case of non-availability of forest land. Therefore, it is requested to re-examine the proposal for approach road in forest land and the user agency/ State authorities may be directed to use the existing road in the non-forest area, as the same road were used by the earlier lessee also."*

"It was learnt that similar proposals for approach road in forest area are in the pipeline, in spite of existence of roads through now-forest lands. Hence, the matter may be suitably decided by, the State Government instead of leaving the issue of approach road decision to the user agency and proposal for use of forest land when suitable non-forest alternatives exist against the tenets of forest conservation laws"

Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore and Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari have directed the undersigned to re-examine the proposal for approach road in the forest land vide letters under Ref(4) & (5).

Hence, it is requested to use the existing approach road which is passing through the non-forest areas, as the same road were used by the earlier lessee as per the directions of Government of India as above and also requested to re-examine the proposal for approach road in the forest land.


This is for your information and immediate action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Division, Ballari

- 1) Copy to Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari for information and necessary action.
- 2) Copy to Range Forest officer, Sandur South Range, Sandur for information and necessary action


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