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Encl:

Date -12-2024

To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

Sub: Diversion of 22.2887 hectares (Revised from 23.863Ha.) of forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluka, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor belt at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine M.L.No. 2629 in favour of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd.) Bengaluru

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020 [FORM-A]

- Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number letter dated 11-01-2024
[submission of Stage-I proposal to GoK]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE/11/FFM/2024 (e) dated 25-10-2024.
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Koramangala, Bengaluru letter F.No.4-KRC1495/2024-BAN dated 26-11-2024 [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), Banagalore vide Ref (3) has requested to furnish following clarification/information for further processing of 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, 2024, instant proposal requires recommendation of Project Steering Committee. Therefore, it is requested to provide the recommendation of Project Steering Committee for this proposal. **(PSC will be scheduled Shortly by Member Secretary, Aranya Bhavan)**
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

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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 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

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.

Signed by Brijesh Kumar

Date: 02-01-2025 16:15:45

Reason: Approved

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

Copy to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle 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 – 560 027 for information.