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Office of
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)



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Date **21-11-2022**

EDS QUERY
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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests

o/c Ballari Circle, Ballari

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 pipe line in favour of NMDC limited. Donimalai Township, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District

[Online Proposal No.FP/KA/Others/14576/2015, FORM-A]

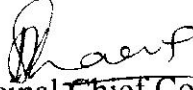
- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number letter dated 11-02-2021 [submission of Stage-I proposal to GoK], 27-04-2021 [reply to EDS query raised by GoK] and 06-10-2022 [reply to EDS raised by GOI]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 16 FLL 2021(e) letter dated 25-06-2021 [submission of Stage-I proposal Part-V to GoI] and 13-10-2022 [reply to EDS raised by GOI]
 3. Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on dated 17-10-2022 and its detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting uploaded in parivesh.nic.in.
 4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), letter No. 8-17/2021-FC dated 10-11-2022 addressed to GoK [seeking essential information]

With regard to above, the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) to the Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) letter dated 25-06-2021 to the Central Government seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard, the matter was discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 17.10.2022 (The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting dated 17-10-2022 is

enclosed). After going through the details of the proposal, the FAC deferred the proposal for want of the below mentioned information: -


- i. The State Government shall submit the justification for creation of two tailing dams in the forest land in view of the observations made by IRO Bangalore.
- ii. The State Government shall clarify regarding rights claimed under FRA 2006 as per the submission made vide letter dated. 13.10.2022 *vis-a-vis* certificate dated. 13.09.2019 submitted by the DC, Bellary earlier with the instant proposal

Further, the same was sought by the Government of India vide Ref (4) letter dated 10-11-2022. In view of the above, it is directed to communicate the same to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division to submit the information / documents as indicated above at earliest to this office 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) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to the:

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information and for further necessary action.
2. M/s NMDC, Donimai, Sandur, Ballari District for information.


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13.10.2022

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 10th Nov, 2022

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest, Ecology and 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 FBE 16 FFM 2021 (e) dated 25.06.2021 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 17.10.2022. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. After going through the details of the proposal, the FAC deferred the proposal for want of the below mentioned information: -

- The State Government shall submit the justification for creation of two tailing dams in the forest land in view of the observations made by IRO Bangalore.
- The State Government shall clarify regarding rights claimed under FRA 2006 as per the submission made vide letter dt. 13.10.2022 *vis-a-vis* certificate dt. 13.09.2019 submitted by the DC, Bellary earlier with the instant proposal.

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

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bharadwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.

AS (D)
16/11/22