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



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Date 02-12-2021

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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sub:

Diversion of 28.299 ha of forest land (26.699 ha for mining and 1.60 ha for approach road) for mining purpose in favour of the Successful Bidder, i.e., M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete, Ballari District (erstwhile 'C' Category mine, ML No. 2559 of M/s Karthikeyas Manganese & Iron Ore Pvt Ltd) in Subbarayanahalli Village, Sandur Range, Ballari District

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/31348/2018 [FORM-A]

Ref:

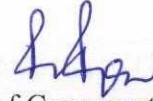
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office letter No.4-KRC1203/2019-BAN/ dated 22-11-2021

The Government of India vide letter cited above has communicated the following shortcomings on the above mentioned proposal.

- i. The detailed status of implementation of R&R plan along with activities undertaken.
- ii. The civil liabilities of erstwhile lessee.
- iii. The Action Taken Report by the State Government against the violation of IFA, 1927/Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 for illegal mining and violation of IFA, 1927/Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 including the details of cases lodged, complaint filed by the Forest Officials and orders of the Courts.
- iv. State Government may clarify whether any orders have been issued by the State Authorities for use of forest land other than the area approved under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of this lease to the erstwhile lessee. If so, the details of such orders issued and officials responsible for the same may be furnished.
- v. How the "Conservation loss" due to illegal mining in the instant case, related to Category 'C' Mine has been taken in to account while recommending the proposal by the State Government.

Enclosing herewith a copy of the said letter, you are directed to get the information / clarification / documents from the Deputy Conservator of Forests Ballari Division and User Agency submit the same to this office with your specific opinion on the same.

The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the same to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division.



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

Copy along with copy of GOI letter communicated to:

1. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information and needful action.
2. M/s MSPL Limited, Baldota Enclave, Abheraj Baldota Road, Hosapete, Ballari- 560 001 for information and needful action.

Note # 33

in Note # 18 wherein it was directed to furnish the query

F.No.4-KRC1203/2019-BAN/
Dated the 22nd November, 2021

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 28.299 ha. of forest land (26.699 ha for mining lease and 1.60 ha for approach road) for mining purpose in favour of successful bidder i.e. MSPL Ltd., Hospete, Bellary District (erstwhile 'C' Category mine MI No. 2559 of M/s Karthekeya Magnase and iron ore Pvt. Limited) in Subbarayanahalli Village, sandur range, Bellary district-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE 25 FFM 2019 (e) dated 23/07/2021, 06/01/2021 and 27/10/2021 on the above subject and to inform that the proposal was examined in consultation with Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi. In this regard, it is requested that the following information /clarification may kindly be furnished to this office, for further consideration of the proposal:-

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Yours faithfully,

(M.K. Shambhu)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

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