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

Sub: Diversion of 4.035 ha. of forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near Hilikunte village, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for approach road to mining lease No. 0016 (e-auctioned C Category mine) in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Ltd,Pune.(Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No.FEE47FFM2024 (e) dated 28/10/2024 on the subject mentioned above. In this regard, it is informed that Government of Karnataka vide its letter No. FEE 15 FFM 2024 (e) dated 22/03/2022 had earlier submitted the proposal for diversion of 3.862 ha. of forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near Ranjithpura, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for approach road to aforementioned Mining Lease (e-auctioned 'C' Category mine) in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Ltd, Pune. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/44719/2020). The said proposal was granted final approval by the Regional Office MoEF&CC vide letter dated 09/10/2024. Subsequently, the State Government has also issued the diversion order on 09/10/2024 for the said proposal. Since there is an already approved road to access the Mining lease, it is not clear why the State Government has submitted the another proposal for diversion of 4.035 of forest land involving felling of 1748 trees.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to provide proper justification for submission new proposal when there is already approved road in place. Further, the above proposal is also incomplete with respect to the site suitability certificate of CA land and also it is not clear whether the proposed CA land is adjacent to any RF/PF or otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K.Shambhu)

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