



**Government of Karnataka**

**Speed Post**

No. FEE 47 FFM 2024 (e)

**Karnataka Government Secretariat  
Multistoried Buildings,  
Bengaluru, Date: 03-06-2026**

**From:**

**The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,  
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,  
Bengaluru-560001.**

**To:**

**The Secretary to Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi-110003.**

**Sir,**

**Sub:** Diversion of 4.035 hectares 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 Limited, Pune.  
**Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021**

**Ref:** 1. Your Office letter No: F.No.4-KRB1496/2024-BAN/492, Dated:03-03-2025.  
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC), Bengaluru's letter No: KFD/HOFF/A5-4(GFL)/10/2021-FC, Dated19-05-2026.

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With reference to the above subject, I am directed to invite your kind attention to the query dated: 03-03-2025 vide referred at (1) above and forwarding herewith the copy of letter vide referred at (2) above along with enclosures submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Bengaluru. are herewith enclosed.

Hence, It is hereby requested to accord 'In-Principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of the VAN (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. for diversion of 4.035 hectares 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 Limited, Pune.

Yours faithfully

  
(Gopala)

Under Secretary to Government (I/c)  
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department  
(Forest-C and Co-ordination)

**Copy to:**

1. The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Integrated Regional OfficeKendriya Sadan, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, E&F Wings, 17<sup>th</sup> Main, Koramangala, Bengaluru.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavana, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.
3. SGF/Spare Copies.