No.M1/MNG/MSPL(LMC)/Renew/CR-22/2022-23

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Office of the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari, Date: **28**-06-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub :Diversion of 32.49 ha of forest land (30.9 hectare for mining lease and 2.40 hectare for approach road) in Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Ramdev Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2563 erstwhile 'C'category mine e-auctioned) in favour of M/s. MSPL Limited, Hospet)

(Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/50114/2020 [FORM-A])- Reg.

Ref: 1) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi letter No. 4-KRC 1387/2022-BAN/920 dated 6-12-2022 [clarification regarding observation made out during field visit by IRO, GOI]

2) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi letter No. FCA/16.1/105/KAR/MIN/159 dated. 09-10-2023.

3) Letter No. FEE 43 FMM 2019 (e), Bengaluru dated. 20-11-2023) of the Government of Karnataka.

4) Your office letter No.KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/32/2020-FC dtd:26-12-2022

5) Letter No. M1/MNG/MSPL.ML 2563/2019 dt. 23/26-12-2022 the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

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With reference to the above cited subject, the Government of India has sought the certain information/documents regarding diversion of 32.49 ha of forest land (30.9 hectare for mining lease and 2.40 hectare for approach road) in Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Ramdev Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2563 erstwhile 'C'category mine e-auctioned) in favour of M/s. MSPL Limited, Hospet, the preferred bidder vide letter cited (1) above.

Further, the Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi vide its letter cited (2) above and Government of Karnataka vide its letter (3) cited above, have accorded transfer of FC Clearance from FC lease holder M/s. Kanhaiyalal Dudheria in respect of mining lease No. 2563, Ramanadurga Village, Sandur Taluka, Ballari District to M/s. MLPL Limited, Hospete, which will be now coterminus with validity of lease granted under the MMDR Act, 1957 over an extent of 30.09 ha. for mining purpose.

Further, it is reported that the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari has directed the user agency to withdraw the Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/ 50114/2020 [FORM-A] through Parivesh Portal, further it is reported that, the user agency was requested to process the FC file for approach road of 2.40 ha. for further approval. Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari has recommended that the proposal may be considered for approach road of 2.40 ha. for further approval under Sec. 2 of Van (Samrkshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 subject to the condition that, the user agency should obtain the consent/NOC from M/s. Lakshmi Minerals.

Therefore, I am herewith submitting the copy of the report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari alongwith its relevant document/map for further needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.