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To, ✓
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub:-Diversion of 9.547 Ha. Of forest land in Hirekandavadi Village Sy.No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy.No. 35, B-Durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluka and Dindadahalli Village Sy.No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluka, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 in favour of M/s. Vedanta Limited Chitradurga
Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/51389/2020 [FORM-A]-reg.

Ref:-1) Letter No. FEE 20 FFM 2023 (e) dtd. 13-9-2023.

2) Letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-1/(MNG)/28/2018-FC dated 21-9-2023 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (FC), Bengaluru.

3) This office letter even No. dated. 30-9-2023 & 16-11-2023.

4) Letter No. A6/FC/Vedanta/CB/CR-03/2021-22 dtd. 18-10-2023 & 6-12-2023 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga

With reference to the above cited subject, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (FC) Bengaluru in his letter (2) cited above, followed by the directions issued by the Government of Karnataka in its letter (1) above, having called for certain additional information in respect of diversion 9.547 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s. Vedant Limited for the establishment of conveyor project for iron ore mine bearing ML No. 2677 duly examining the issue as per rules along with specific opinion/ detailed report in this issue.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga has since been directed vide this office letter dtd. 30-9-2023 in (3) cited above to go through the points as raised therein and to submit the clear opinion on the above three points alongwith your spot inspection report for taking further course of action in the matter within a week positively.

As such, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga has obtained the point wise information/documents from the user agency and got it verified from his end and submitted the same to this office vide his letter 18-10-2023 in (4) above for onward submission of the same to the higher authority.

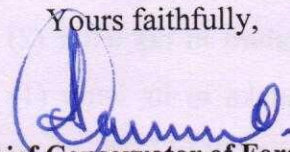
While going through the report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga in his letter (4) cited above, it appears that, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga has not inspected the said mining lease area in order to ascertain the status of mining and permitted quantity of iron ore and present status of mining and its transported quantity of iron ore. Therefore, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga have been instructed vide this office letter dt. 16-11-2023 to inspect the ML area in question and arrange to ascertain the additional information on the three points as raised by the Government of Karnataka, as his physical verification is quite mandatory to give specific opinion/ detailed report on all the above issue as called for the purpose.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga has submitted the additional information vide letter (4) dated 06-12-2023 above, duly inspecting the project site on 02-12-2023 along with relevant documents and re-submitted the following point wise information for taking further course of action in this instant case.

- 1) The area of mining: This instant mining lease over an extent of 160.59 ha. was sanctioned. The ML deed is enclosed herewith.
- 2) This present status of this mining lease has been reported as working mines and the lease period will be valid upto 27-10-2032.
- 3) The Monitoring Committee has allowed mining capacity of 5.89 MTPA and fixed the annual production of the above mining project. Details enclosed.

Therefore, I am submitting herewith the copy of the letter of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga along with its enclosures for taking further needful action.

Yours faithfully,



**Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.**