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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer(FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sub:-Diversion of 6.35 ha. forest land for mining in Ramanamalai (R.M.) Block Forest (Ramgad), Sandur Talu, Ballari District (proposed Ramghad Iron Ore Mine) in favour of Sri D.Ramesh S/o D.Pullaiah, City Press Compound, Ballari.

Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/15687/2015 [FORM-A]

Ref:-1)Your letter No.A5(1):MNG:CR-19/2015-16 dated:24-02-2020. Addressed to the DCF, Ballari & copy marked to this office(seeking additional information).

2)Letter No.M1:MNG:CR-26/2009-10/317 dated:24-06-2020 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari

In view of the additional information as sought for by you under reference (1) cited supra and followed by the letter dated:28-01-2020 of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Bengaluru, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari, in his self contained letter (2) cited above has submitted the additional information / site suitability certificate (in prescribed format) in respect of diversion of 6.35 ha. forest land for mining in Ramanamalai (R.M.) Block Forest (Ramgad), Sandur Talu, Ballari District (proposed Ramghad Iron Ore Mine) in favour of Sri D.Ramesh S/o D.Pullaiah, City Press Compound, Ballari.

On going through the report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, it is reported that the previous communications that the user agency had proposed 9.105 ha of CA land situated in Sy.No.1426 (3.545 ha) & Sy.No.1427 (5.56 ha) which happens to be C & D category land, whereas the user agency is supposed to propose patta lands. Added to this, it is submitted that your goodself had already observed that "since the user agency had already identified C & D class land well before the Government order dated:31-08-2016 was issued and hence, recommended to accept the C & D class land instead of patta land. Accordingly, it is reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to pay the CA charges. However, it is also learnt that the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari, has given his consent for allotting the CA land and the mutation of CA land to the tune of 9.105 ha is yet to be mutated in favour of the Forest Department.

Moreover, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, has got the said CA land inspected by the concerned Range Forest Officer, Kudligi and Assistant Conservator of Forest, Kudligi and reported that the area is partially wooded and only 200 seedling per ha can be planted in the proposed CA

area and it is also explicitly opined and confirmed that it may not be possible to plant all 1000 plants per ha without clearing existing vegetation.

While agreeing with the self contained report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Banari Division, Ballari, I am submitting herewith the site suitability certificate (in the prescribed format) of non-forest land proposed for taking up of compensatory afforestation in lieu of diversion of 6.35 ha of forest land for mining in 3 ink signed sets for your kind perusal and further needful action in the matter.

Sd/-Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.

- 1. Copy forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari, for information.
- 2. Copy to Sri D.Ramesh S/o Sri.D.Pullaiah, Ex.MP. City Press Compound, Bellary for information.

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Chief Conservator of Forests,
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