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Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.
Dated:10-08-2020

To,

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

Sir,

Sub:-Diversion of 484.0733 ha (470.40 ha mining lease area + 13.673 ha for conveyor corridor, road etc.) of forest land in Swamy Malai(SM) Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Devadari Iron Ore and Manganese Ore mining lease in favour of M/s KIOCL Limited, Bengaluru.

Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/32568/2018[FORM-A]

- Ref:-1)Government of Karnataka letter No.FEE:19:FFM:2020 (e) dated: 15-06-2020 (EDS query raised by GOK dated:16-06-2020).
2)Letter No.A5(1):MNG:CR-21/2017-18 dated:25-06-2020 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer(FCA), Aranya Bhavana, Bengaluru. Addressed to this office and copy marked to you and user agency.
3)This office letter of even No.dated:02-07-2020. Addressed to DCF(T), Ballari and copy submitted to your kindself.(Asking to submit specific opinion on the diversion of forest land)
4)Letter No.M1:MNG:KIOCL:Bly:CR-/2017-18/515 dated:31-07-2020 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

In view of the directions issued by your goodself vide letter (2) cited above, asking the undersigned to examine the request of the user agency for diversion of aforesaid forest land in Swamy Malai Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for mining of Iron & Manganese ore and followed by the directions issued for submission of revised proposal alongwith the specific opinion in conformity with the rules in vogue, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari was instructed to go through the contents of the self explanatory letter dated:30-05-2020 of the above user agency and to submit his specific opinion for considering the request of the company regarding development of Devadari Mines allotted by Government, vide this office letter (3) cited above.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, in his self explanatory report has chronologically explained the genuine facts and perpetually affirmed his earlier stand taken to the effect that the forest land to the tune of 484.0733 ha which was sought for diversion in the section-4 notified of Swamy Malai Forest Block is thickly covered by vegetation which is high characteristics

to dry deciduous forest and is an ideal habitat for an array of wild flora and fauna and though it is not part of any protected area the vast expansion of forest form very important watershed for various streams which emanate towards south-western direction. Added to this, it is also reiterated by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, for having taken note of the communication, deliberations and decisions mentioned above and based on his observations made during the short visit to proposed site it is opined that the request for supporting for early clearance of the proposed mining project is untenable.

Therefore, while agreeing with the self contained report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, once again it is brought to your kind notice that I reiterate the opinion made in this office letter No.M1:MNG:KIOCL:FLD:CR-6/2019-20 dated:07-12-2019 and online proposal submitting thereon.

Yours faithfully

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 M/s KIOCL Limited, Registered office, IInd Block, Bengaluru-560034 for information.

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

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