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To,

✓ The Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment  
M. S. Building, Bengaluru

Sir,

**Sub:** Diversion of 4.85 hectare of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla Village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach Road to ML No. 2487 (*an e-auctioned C-category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s Lakshminarayana Mining Company*) in favour of the Successful Bidder i.e. M/s MSPL Ltd. Hosapete.

**Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/37101/2018 [FORM-A]**

- Ref:**
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi letter No.8-39/2003-FC (Vol.) dated 22-07-2020 [*EDS query dated 29-07-2020 seeking additional information*]
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 02 FFM 2020 (e) dated 05-09-2020 [*online communication of GOI EDS query on 09-09-2020*]
  3. This office letter of even number dated 19-10-2020 to Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle [*online communication of GOI EDS query*]
  4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No.M1/MNG/MSPL/LMC/Road/2019-20 dated 10-12-2020 [*online reply dated 16-12-2020 to GOI EDS query*]
  5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No.M1: MNG:LMC:TRF:ML.No.2487/CR-6/2018-19 (MSPL) dated 21-12-2020 [*online reply dated 22-12-2020 to GOI EDS query*]

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Dehli vide Ref (1) have sought certain additional information/clarification for further consideration of the abovementioned proposal. The same was communicated by Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) to this office and further by this office vide Ref (3) to the field officers for seeking the required information.

In response, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide Ref (4) and (5) respectively have submitted the information/clarification on the points raised by Government of India. Based on the said reports, the reply to the Government of India EDS query is submitted as follows.



| Information sought by GOI   | Reply   |
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| <p>1 The State Government has proposed a compensatory afforestation area of 4.85 ha non-forest land. The DSS report reveals that the proposed CA area is falling inside Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Government of Karnataka vide Order No. FEE 88 FLL 2016 dated 31-08-2016 has made it mandatory for the non-forest CA lands in FC proposals of private User Agencies to be a private land either as Forest Enclosure or adjoining an existing forest area in man-animal conflict zone.</li> <li>• Accordingly, the User Agency in the instant proposal has identified the Private non-forest land which is part of a Survey number which is surrounded by forest lands falling inside Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.</li> <li>• The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division has already inspected the proposed CA land on 15-11-2019 and has issued CA Land Suitability Certificate dated 16-11-2019 (submitted as part of Stage-I proposal already).</li> </ul> <p><b>Accordingly, the said non-forest CA land may be accepted for CA purpose the instant proposal.</b></p> |
| <p>2 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division has reported that the violation has taken place, the approach road is already used by the previous lessee i.e. M/s Lakshminarayana Mining Company without forest clearance from 21-05-1983 to July 2011 (i.e. date of first grant of lease). In this regard the Government of Karnataka shall submit a self-contained note along with actions initiated in the matter.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed approach road was already being used by the erstwhile lessee (M/s Lakshminarayana Mining Company) without obtaining the FC for the road.</li> <li>• Subsequently, the said mining lease was categorised as C-category mine as per the report submitted by the Central Empowered Committee to the Hon'ble Supreme Court, based on the illegalities committed by the said lessee. Accordingly, the said lease was cancelled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and was later e-auctioned by the Department of Mines and Geology.</li> <li>• Further, the Forest Department had booked Forest Offence Case (FOC) No.08/2014-15 dated 13-10-2014 against the erstwhile lessee for having encroached upon the forest land to an extent of 47.21 ha outside the mining lease area.</li> <li>• Later on, the Charge Sheet has also been filed by the Forest Department</li> </ul>    |



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|   |  | <p>against the erstwhile lessee before the Hon'ble JMFC, Sandur, vide CC.No.206/2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The case is presently pending in the Hon'ble Court.</li> </ul>  |
| 3 | Information regarding whether the approach road is in use presently or not. If yes, who are the beneficiary. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed approach road is also being used by M/s Chougule and Company (ML No.2546).</li> <li>Further, the new lessee M/s MSPL Limited, Hospet (ML.No.0010) in the instant proposal has already obtained Temporary Permission for usage of the existing Approach Road (in question) vide Government of Karnataka letter dated 25-02-2020 (copy enclosed).</li> <li>A sketch showing the existing Approach Road from ML boundary of Chowgule and Company Private Limited (ML No.2546) to SH-49 passing through Kardikolla Iron Ore Mine of M/s MSPL Limited (ML No.0010) in NEB Range forest Sandur North Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District is enclosed.</li> </ul> |

In view of the above, it is requested to submit the above information/ document to Government of India for taking further action.

The present status (Timeline) of the proposal obtained from the FC web portal is also appended for information.

Yours Faithfully



(Rajiv Ranjan IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to M/s MSPL Limited, Baldota Enclave, Aberaj Baldota Road, Hosapete for information.





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ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅಂಚೆ, ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಬಾಕಿ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಅಪಜೀ 02 ಎಫ್‌ಎಫ್‌ಎಂ 2020 (ಇ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ

ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25-02-2020

ಇವರಿಂದ:

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಪರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,  
ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ,  
ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001.

ಇವರಿಗೆ:

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು),  
ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ,  
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560003.

ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ವಿಷಯ: Diversion of 4.845 hectare of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach road to Mining Lease (ML) No. 2487 (an e-auctioned C-Category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company) in favour of the successful bidder, i.e., MSPL Ltd., Hosapete.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ತಮ್ಮ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/43/2018-FC,  
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12-12-2019.

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ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯ ಮತ್ತು ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಕಡೆ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಉಪಯೋಗಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸಂಡೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಈಶಾನ್ಯ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ (ಕರಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸಮೀಪ) ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಗಣಿಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗೆ ಅನುವಾಗುವಂತೆ (M.L.No. 2487), 4.845 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಕೂಡು ರಸ್ತೆಗಾಗಿ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಮನವಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸದರಿ ಮನವಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಧಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿತ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಕೂಡುರಸ್ತೆಯಾಗಿ ಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಅನುಮತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಲು ಕ್ರಮವಹಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಲು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

(1) ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ದುರಸ್ತಿ, ಅಗಲೀಕರಣ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಗೊಳ್ಳುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ.

(2) ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿಯುವುದನ್ನು ನಿಷೇಧಿಸಿದೆ.



(3) ಹೊಸ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

(4) ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿತ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ/ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಮೇಲುಸ್ತುವಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುವುದು.

(5) ಸದರಿ ಅನುಮತಿಯು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಅರಣ್ಯ (ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ, 1980ರಡಿ ಎರಡನೆಯ ಹಂತದ ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡುವವರೆಗೆ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ತಮ್ಮ ನಂಬುಗೆಯ



(ಪಿ. ವಿ. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸನ್)

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ (ಪ್ರ)

ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ (ಅರಣ್ಯ-ಸಿ)

25/02/2020

ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕಾಗಿ:

ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ.