

No.M1/MNG/CR-19/1993-94(ZTC)
Encls: DCF's report alongwith its enclosure.

Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.
Dated:13-01-2022

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

Sub:-Diversion of 43.58 ha of forest land in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest near Ramghad village, Sandur taluk, Ballari district for Dharmapura Iron Ore Mine ML.No.2239 (erstwhile lessee M/s Zeenath Transport Company) in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited, Sandur taluk, Ballari district(the successful bidder in e-auction).

Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/44852/2020(FORM-A) – reg.

- Ref:-1)Letter No.F.No.8-67/1990-FC(Pt.) dated:23-08-2021(sought additional information) of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change(Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi.
2)Letter No. KFD:HoFF:A5-1(MNG):06/2020-FC dated:27-09-2021 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer(FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru, addressed to this office and copy marked to DCF, Ballari and user agency.
3)This office letter of eve No.dated:29-09-2021.
4)Letter No.M1/MNG/JSW/ML No.2239/2019-20/2005 dated: 01-01-2022 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

In light of the directions issued by your goodself in the letter (2) cited above and having called for the information /documents by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, in its letter (1) cited above in respect of diversion of 43.58 ha of forest land in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest near Ramghad village, Sandur taluk, Ballari district for Dharmapura Iron Ore Mine ML.No.2239 (erstwhile lessee M/s Zeenath Transport Company) in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited, Sandur taluk, Ballari district(the successful bidder in e-auction), the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari was directed to submit the required information in respect of two points vide this office letter (3) cited above.

Further, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari in his letter (4) has submitted the required information /documents on the two points as noticed in the letter (1) cited above for taking further course of action in the matter.

On going through the report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari the following point-wise information /documents is submitted for taking further needful action and onward submission of the same.

Sl. No.	Particulars of Information Sought	Details of Information Submitted
i	Earlier, in 1997, the User Agency was granted diversion of 44.13 ha of Forest land. In this regard the State Government may furnish the details and extent of the land taken under CA and corresponding amount deposited the	Upon verification of records available in the DCF, Ballari office. 1) The erstwhile lessee M/s. Zeenath Transport Company; ML No.2239 has not given any Compensatory Afforestation land.

	<p>User Agency. The detail about the status of fund utilization against the proposed CA plantation shall also be furnished</p>	<p>2) The erstwhile lessee M/s. Zeenath Transport Company; ML No. 2239 has not made any payment on account of Compensatory Afforestation.</p> <p>Further, the user agency has deposited sum of Rs.4,50,000/- for 29.42 hectares (Twice in extent of $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of total leased forest area i.e. $2 \times 1/3 \times 44.13 = 29.42$) towards payment for Penal Compensatory Afforestation. There is no information available regarding raising of Compensatory Afforestation and there is no fund utilized against the CA plantation.</p>
ii	<p>The State Government is also requested to fill up the proforma for verification of deposits in CAMPA by old lessee (Performa enclosed)</p>	<p>The details of amount deposited in CAMPA head on account of NPV, Safety Charges, Fencing of Safety Zone, Afforestation in degraded Forest land and Penal Compensatory Afforestation charges by erstwhile lessee is enclosed in Annexure-1.</p>

This is for your kind information.

Yours faithfully,


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.