



No: B4/GFL/FCA/CR-12/2019-20

Dated:18-03-2023

To,

Conservator of Forests,
Kanara Circle,
Sirsi.

Sir,

SUB: Diversion of 8.80388 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 52A1A of Arga Village, Baad Hobli, Karwar Taluk, Uttar Kannada District for establishing stone quarry, dumping yards and its approach road in favour of M/s. Ramshree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar reg.

Proposal No: FP/KA/QRY/31539/2018(FORM-A)

- REF:1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bangalore letter No: KFD/HOFF/A5-2 (GFL)/ 42/2020-FC, E-316958 dated: 17-12-2022.
- 2) Your letter No: B2/GFL/Quarry/CR-17/2021-22 Dated: 17-03-2023.
- 3) This office letter even Number dated: 16-05-2022, 04-06-2022, 02-09-2022, 19-12-2022, 31-01-2023 and 17-03-2023
- 4) M/s.Ramshree Construction Company, Engineer & Contractor Kodibag, Karwar letter No: RCC/KWR/M&G/2022-23/425 dated: 18-03-2023
- 5) Govt. of Karnataka's Gazette Notification No:CI-MMN/205/2022 dated:17-03-2023

With reference to the above and as per Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Bangalore's directions cited at reference (1) the User Agency i.e. M/s. Ramshree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar has obtained the letter of approved quarry plan from the competent authority and submitted to this office the same has been submitted vide this office letter dated: 31-01-2023 cited at reference (3).

As per your kind office letter cited at reference (2) informed to examine the report and submit the proper replies to EDS queries raised by the MoEF & CC to process the proposal.

Meanwhile the User Agency i.e. M/s. Ramshree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar has submitted that, we have a stone quarry lease since 1973, now since NH-66 is aligned very near to our quarry for the security/safety point of view we have been asked to shift our quarry to safe distance from NH-66 as per new alignment.

Accordingly keeping in view all the precautionary measure we have requested for new quarry lease vide our letter RCC/KWR/QUARRY/2014-15/845 dated: 07-10-2014 and

subsequently NOCs from DC, Forest Department and all other required department are also submitted.

Further as per Karnataka Minor Mineral Concession Rule 1994 8(2) quarrying lease may be granted in any forest land by the State Government with the prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

As per Karnataka Minor Mineral concession (Amendment Rule 2023) No: CI-MMN/205/2022 dated: 17-03-2023 cited reference (5) Amendment of Rule 8-B, Para-11 all applications received for grant of licence prior to the Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules 2016 shall become eligible including the application received for grant of mining leases of the minerals that are now re-classified as minor by the Central Government by Notification No. S.O. 423(E), dated: 10-02-2015.

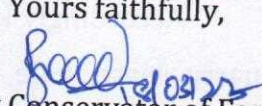
Further Rule 8-R(5) as per amendment Rule 2023 Karnataka Minor Minerals Concession Rules, in the interest of systematic and scientific quarrying if the land is available adjacent to the existing lease or licence having an extent of five acres or below, such area shall be allotted to lessee or licence through non action route with necessary clearances or documents as specified in these rules and as per guidelines issued by the State Government from time to time.

Hence as per amendment 2023 of Karnataka Minor Minerals Concession Rules dated: 17-03-2023, it is clearly stated that we are eligible for quarry lease requested through non auctioning mode.

Further also mentioned that, we have a crusher in Arga Sy.No. 52(B) under the licence issued by DC dated: 18-12-2020 for period of 20 years along with consent for operation and clearance issued by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and also submitted quarry plan prepared by certified DMG consultant. And the crusher is situated near the proposed quarry site.

In view of the above and as per the Karnataka Minor Minerals Concession Rules (Amendment 2023) dated:17-03-2023 and as requested by the User Agency, the proposal for diversion of 8.80388 ha forest land in Fsy No. 52A1A of Arga Village for establishing stone quarry, dumping yards and its approach road in favour of M/s. Ramshree Construction Company, Engineer & Contractor, Kodibag, Karwar may be considered. The copy of crusher licence and other necessary documents are enclosed with for further needful action.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Conservator of Forests,