

No.M1/MNG/Conveyor-Belt/CR-4/2018-19
(Vedanta)



Office of the
Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari,
Dated:17-11-2025.

To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

Sub:-Diversion of 9.547 Ha. Of forest land in Hirekandavadi Village Sy.No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy.No. 35, B-Durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluka and Dindadahalli Village Sy.No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluka, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 in favour of M/s. Vedanta Limited Chitradurga

Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/51389/2020 [FORM-A]-reg.

- Ref:-1) Letter No. FKRC 1507/2025-BAN/707 dtd. 19-2-2025 of MoEFF & CC, Regional Office, Bengaluru.
2) Letter No. FEE 20 FFM 2023(e), dated. 15-3-2025 of the GoK.
3) Letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-1/(MNG)/28/2018-FC dtd. 01-4-2025 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru.
4) Your letter No. A6/FC/Vedanta/CB/CR-03/2021-22, dtd. 16-8-2025.

With reference to the above cited subject, in the light of the directions issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) vide letter (3) cited above, and followed by the letters of the MoEF & CC, Forest Division, New Delhi and Government of Karnataka in its letters (1) and (2) respectively, having sought additional information/clarification/documents for further action in the above proposal.

Accordingly, point wise additional information/clarification/documents as sought by the GOI has been obtained from the user agency and got it verified by your end and submitted the same to this office vide your letter (4) cited above for further needful action.

Further, upon verification of your report, you have not been complied on the following points.

- 1) Sl.No.2: The user agency has not submitted C:B ratio. It is requested to furnish C:B ratio considering the parameters given in the Comprehensive guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023. In this regard you are mentioned "The C:B ratio of the project is 1.15 for 10 MPTA". **But you're have enclosed supporting document on this point.**
- 2) Sl.No. 5: The State Government may clarify whether any request has been submitted to MoEF & CC, New Delhi has already granted in-principal approval on 15-10-2019. And if so, the status of the same may be furnished. In this regard you have mentioned that "**Post non-grant of NOC, the withdrawal letter for the said project was uploaded in the Parivesh portal on 27-10-2020. Withdrawal letter is enclosed**". However, the GOI has asked to furnish the status of the withdrawal of the proposal. The user agency has requested withdrawal of the proposal in 2020, but however, there is no record of the proposal being withdrawn till date. If any such withdrawn proposal, please mention.

Therefore, you are hereby directed to obtain the accurate information and documents from user agency and verify the same and submit the latest condition wise report as sought by the MoEF & CC, New Delhi to this office for onward submission to the higher authority.

Sd/-

**Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.**

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- 1) Submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) Bengaluru for kind information.
- 2) M/s. Vedanta Limited, Megalahalli Office Complex, Bheemasandra Post, Chitradurga Taluka and District for information.

**Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.**