



No:A6/FC/Vedanta/144881/CR-16/2023-24

Date:20-08-2025.

To,

The Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

Sir,

Enclose! 48e1/4

Sub: Diversion of Ex-post facto approval for 3.331 Ha (4.3013 Ha) under Section-2 of FCA-1980 for approach road to ML No.2677 through Gate-3 project of Vedanta Ltd., in Megalahalli Village & Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District.
Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/144881/2021.

- Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru online communication to this office Dated: 30-08-2023.
2. Revised online proposal received to this office dated: 02-12-2024.
3. This office even letter dated:04-12-2024.
4. Letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-1(MNG)/21/2018-FC Dated:30-05-2025 of Principal Conservator of Forest (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), aranya Bhavan Bengaluru.
5. Letter dated:14-05-2025 of M/s Vedanta Ltd., Megalahalli office Complex, Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga.

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With reference to the above subject, M/s Vedanta Ltd., has submitted a proposal through web portal mode for Ex-post facto approval for approach road to M L No.2677 through gate-3 for 3.331 Ha of Forest land in Sy No.20 of Megalahalli, Sy No.9 of Marijogihalli and Sy No.6 of Bedarbommenhalli village in Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest, Hireguntanur Hobli, Chitradurga taluk, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga district for approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, a communication through online was received to process the said proposal and to submit a specific opinion vide ref (1). Further, user agency has submitted revised proposal vide ref (2).

The report on this proposal has already been submitted from this office vide reference (3). The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru have instructed to submit a report to the following points vide reference (4).

In this regard, this office had directed the User Agency and requested to furnish the information/documents vide this office letter dated:05-06-2025. The same has been received vide letter under Ref. (5) as below. (Copy enclosed).

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5	The Ministry vide letter No.8-81/1992-FC-FC(pt) dated: 17-01-2019 has accorded 'in Principle' (Stage-I) approval for ex-post facto approval of 2.0215 ha of forest land for approach. The SG vide letter No: FEE 73 FFM 2014 dated:04-11-2024 has submitted the compliance report and the Ministry after the examination of the said compliance report has asked the SG to submit the additional information/Documents vide letter dated:05-12-2024 (Copy enclosed). The reply of the same still awaited. The reply to the same letter shall be	The copy of the latest compliance report dated:20-05-2025 is enclosed.
6	As reported by the State Government an FOC No.18/2022-23, dated:01-10-2022 against the authorities of M/s Vedanta Limited for using the forest portion of Gate-3 approach road has been registered and has submitted the Charge sheet to the Jurisdictional JMFC Court. This case is pending in JMFC Court. The transportation of M/s Vedanta ore has since been stopped, after registering FOC No. 18/2022-23 dated:01-10-2022. In this regard, the State Government shall provide the latest updated status of the Case.	FOC No. 18/2022-23, dated:01-10-2022 booked and charge sheet submitted to Hon'ble Civil judge & JMFC Court Holalkere. Proceedings in Hon'ble Civil judge & JMFC Court Holalkere vide CC No.662/15 copy is enclosed.
7	The state shall submit the present status of the mining operations in the area.	The user agency has submitted in the mining lease No.2677 of Vedanatha Ltd., is conducting mining operations in compliance to the provisions of the applicable Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of State and Central Government. Copy is enclosed.

The above information as sought is submitted for your kind perusal and needful action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

- Copy Submitted to the** Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Conservation and Nodal Officer FCA, Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru for kind perusal.
- Copy** to M/s Vedantha Ltd., [ML No.2677], Megalahalli Office Complex, Bheemasamudra [P], Chitradurga [T &D] for information.

25-8-2025

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.