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Office of the
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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Encl.:

Date 27-01-2022

To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 43.58 hectare of forest land in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest, Near Ramgad village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Dharmapura Iron Ore Mine (expired ML No.2239 of M/s Zeenath Transport Company) in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited (New ML No. 0013), Vidyanagar, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (the Successful Bidder in e-auction)

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/44852/2020 [FORM-A]**Ref:**

1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (forest Conservation), New Delhi letter No.8-67/1990-FC (Pt.) dated 23-08-2021 [*sought information / justification*]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 17 FFM 2021 (e) dated 24-09-2021 [*communicated the Government of India letter*]
3. This office letter of even number dated 27-09-2021 to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and User Agency [*seeking additional information*]
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1/MNG/JSW/ML No.2239/2019-20 dated 01-01-2022
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle letter No. M1/MNG/NMC/CR-19/1993-94(ZTC) dated 13-01-2022

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi vide ref (1) has requested to furnish certain information / justification for further consideration of the above mentioned proposal. The same was communicated by Government of Karnataka to this office vide ref (2) and further communicated to the field officers seeking the required information/ justification vide ref (3).

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 / justification for the points raised by Government of India. Based on the said reports, the reply to the Government of India is submitted as follows.

Sl. No.	Observation	Information
(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 User Agency. The detail about the status of fund utilization against the proposed CA plantation shall also be furnished.	<p>As verification of records available in the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The erstwhile lessee M/s Zeenath Transport Company; ML No.2239 has not given any Compensatory Afforestation land. 2. The erstwhile lessee M/s Zeenath Transport Company; ML No.2239 has not made any payment on account of CA. <p>Further, the User Agency has deposited sum of Rs.4,50,000/- for 29.42 hectares (Twice in extent of 1/3rd of total leased forest area i.e., 2 x 13 x 44.13 = 29.42) towards payment for Penal CA. There is no information available regarding raising of CA and there is no fund utilized against the CA plantation.</p>
(ii)	The State Government is also requested to fill up the proforma for verification of deposits in CAMPA by old lessee (Performa enclosed)	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 CA charges by erstwhile lessee is enclosed in Annexure-1 .

The facts are submitted for kind information and further needful.

Yours faithfully,



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

Copy to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
3. M/s JSW Steel Limited, P.O. Vidyanagar, Toranagallu village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for information.

PROFORMA FOR VERIFICATION OF DEPOSITS IN COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION

1	Name of Regional office	Bangalore, Karnataka
2	State / District/ Forest Division to which the proposal relates	Karnataka / Ballari / Ballari
3	Name of the user agency, nature of proposal	M/s. Zeenath Transport Company, Ballari
4	Nature and category of proposal	Mining
5	Proposal number	Offline proposal (before commencement of online)
6	Extent of forest area involved	44.13 hectares
7	Whether original or extension	Original
8	If extension of lease, please clarify if proposal involves additional forest area and if so specify	Not applicable
9	Date of 1st Stage clearance	06.05.1996
10	Extent of CAMPA charges head wise viz	
	(a) Compensatory Afforestation	-Nil-
	(b) Additional Compensatory Afforestation	-Nil-
	(c) Penal Compensatory Afforestation	Rs. 4,50,000/- for 29.42 hectares (Twice in extent of 1/3 rd of total leased forest area i.e. 2X1/3X44.13=29.42)
	(d) Catchment area treatment	-Nil-
	(e) Wildlife Management Plan	-Nil-
	(f) Additional charges for diversion of area falling under notified / protected areas.	-Nil-
	(g) Net Present Value	Rs. 3,54,36,390/- for 44.130 hectares (Rs.8,03,000/- per hectare)
	(h) Any other charges / levies ⁹ (please specify)	
	(i) Safety Zone	Rs. 79,500/- (for 1.607 ha X 49,250/ ha). The User Agency has remitted this amount for their 3 leases i.e. Mining Lease No.2120(36.43 ha), 2121(44.14 ha) & 17'0(31.60 ha)

	(ii) Afforestation in one and half area								Rs, 1,19,000/- (for 1.607 ha X 1.5 = 2.411 X 49,250/ ha)
	(iii) Fencing								Rs, 1,30,000/- (for 2.142 kms X Rs.60,500 per km)
	Total								Rs, 3,62,14,890.00
	Whether payment made through challan or otherwise, in case of online payment, details of challan								Through demand draft
11	Details of deposits								
Sl. No.	Type of deposit (NPV / CA/ WMP / Otehrs (Specify)	Whether by RTGS/DD/NE FT/ (Specify)	UTR / DD No.	Amount deposit (Rs.)	Date of deposit	Name of Bank from which amount transferred to account of CAF	Bank Account of CAF managed by CAMPA in which fund deposited.		
1	Net Present Value (NPV)	RTGS	SBINR520161 01935700336	3,54,36,390.00	19.10.2016	State Bank of India	Corporation bank New Delhi Account No. 15073MIN1601990915		
2	Penal Compensatory afforestation charges	Demand Draft (DD)	751764, 0766522 0766523, 0766524, 0766525	4,50,000.00	19.04.1996 21.05.1996 21.05.1996 21.05.1996 22.05.1996				
3	Safety Zone	Demand Draft	765398	79,500.00	26.06.2000				
4	Afforestation in one and half area	Demand Draft	765398	1,19,000.00	26.06.2000				
5	Fencing	Demand Draft	765398	1,30,000.00	26.06.2000				
	Total			3,62,14,890.00					

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Division, Ballari