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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Forests, Environment and Ecology Department
M.S. Building, Bengaluru - 560 001

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 12.4724 hectare of forest land in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest (6.6978 ha) and Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest (5.7746 ha), Near Dhamapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for establishing closed Pipe Conveyor System from Ramanadurga Iron Ore Mine (RIOM ML No.2141) in favour of M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Private Limited, Ballari

Ref: 1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi letter No.4-KRC040/2004-BAN dated 07-10-2020 [sought additional information]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 07 FFM 2020(e) dated 03-11-2020 [sought additional information]
3. This office letter of even number dated 05-11-2020 to field officers and User Agency [sought additional information]
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1/MNG/SKME/Conveyor belt/2019-20 dated 12-02-2021
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle letter No. M1/MNG/CR-19/2010-11(SKME) dated 04-03-2021

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi vide Ref (1) has requested to furnish certain information for further processing of the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The same has communicated by the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) to this office. Accordingly, this office vide Ref (3) has requested the field officers and User Agency to furnish the same.


In response, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide Ref (4) and Ref (5) have submitted the information. Accordingly, the information is furnished for the points raised by Government of India as follows.

Information sought by GOI	Reply
1 Complete compliance of the approval letter dated 06-03-2015 read with letter dated 10-03-2015 has not been submitted.	Compliance Report as per the approval letter dated 06-01-2015 (mentioned as 06-03-2015 in GOI letter) read with letter dated 10-03-2015 is enclosed as [ANNEXURE-I (A) to I(C)].
2 KML file of the previous diverted forest land along with the entire mining area needs submission.	KML file of the previous diverted forest land along with the entire mining area are enclosed (in the form of CD) as (ANNEXURE-II).
3 Progress of Compensatory Afforestation with respect to earlier diversion along with KML file need submission.	Progress of Compensatory Afforestation with respect to earlier diversion along with KML and related documents are enclosed as (ANNEXURE-III).
4 Documents related with validity of lease period of the Mining lease need submission.	The Mining Lease is valid up to 23-01-2042. Following documents related with validity of lease period of the Mining Lease are enclosed as [ANNEXURE-IV (A) to IV(C)]. 1. Notification No.CI 146 MMM-2012 dated 14-09-2016 of Commerce and Industries Department, Government of Karnataka 2. Lease deed executed by the Director, Mines & Geology Department Bengaluru with lessee on 30-01-2017 (registered vide No.SNR-1-02412-2016-17 dated 15-02-2017) 3. The Government of Karnataka Order No. FEE 25 FFM 2013 dated 23-01-2017
5 The State Government may also clarify and submit detail report w.r.t. of the CA scheme.	The User Agency has identified 12.98 ha of CA land for proposed diversion for downhill pipe Conveyor Belt project in Belagavi Forest Division. Details of CA land and CA scheme has been submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division, Belagavi which is enclosed as (ANNEXURE-V).
6 The State Government may also submit the details of violation if any done by the User Agency	As per the report by field officers, there is no violation in Area proposed for Downhill Pipe Conveyor Belt (i.e., 12.4724 ha). However, as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.562/2009, the Central Empowered Committee conducted a Joint Survey of the M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral exports Private Limited and confirmed 10.73 ha encroachment done outside the mining lease area. In this regard, Forest Offence cases have been booked against M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Private Limited ML No.2141 for the illegalities vide FOC No.13-2014-15 dated 29-10-2014 and charge-sheet has been filed in JMFC, Sandur vide CC No.208/2020 (ANNEXURE-VI).


In view of the above, the Government of Karnataka is requested to forward the said information/ documents to the Government of India for further processing of the proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The hard copy of the information along with the relevant documents in 3 sets is submitted herewith for further needful. The present status (Timeline) of the proposal obtained from the FC web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours faithfully


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

1. Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle for information.
2. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division for information.
3. Copy to M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Private Limited, No.462, 14th Ward, SMIORE Colony, Near Fire Station, Sandur, Ballari District – 583 119 for information.


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