

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 29th January, 2020

To,
The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Forest, Ecology and Environment Dept.,
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 401.5761 hectare (*revised from 484.0733 ha.*) (388.00 ha for mining + 13.5761 ha. for approach road=401.5761 ha.) of forest land in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Iron Ore and Manganese Ore Mining in Devadari Hill Range in favour of IWs KIOCL Ltd. (formerly Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited), Bengaluru.-regarding (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/32568/2018). -reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 19FFM 2020 (e) dated 01.01.2021 on the above mentioned subject forwarding the additional information with respect to this Ministry's letter of even no. dt 26.11.2020 After analysing the additional information forwarded the Ministry revealed the following shortcomings:

- i. The area of waste dump site has been drastically reduced from 91.4911 ha to 34.2819 ha (i.e 57.2092 ha). In this regard the state government is requested to provide their comments whether the area 34.2819 ha is sufficient enough for waste dumping site or other alternative area has been identified.
- ii. The Area identified under mining has also been reduced around 7.6024 ha. The State government is requested to submit comments on the approved mining plan in this regard
- iii. The justification submitted by User Agency with respect to point (x) of this Ministry's letter dt 26.11.2020 is not clear. In this regard the State Govt. may provide its comments.
- iv. The KML files of revised land for diversion of forest land and the revised CA land identified has not been uploaded in the parivesh portal.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/clarification/documents as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assitant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore,
2. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore,
3. The Regional Officer , Regional Office (Southern Zone), MoEF&CC, Bangalore,
4. User Agency,
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.