

MINERAL ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED

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Dt. 28th June 2022

To,

**The Deputy Conservator of Forest
Tumakuru Division
Tumakuru**

Dear Sir,

Sub: Submission of Hard Copies of the forest proposal, Name: Sarangapani Iron & Manganese Ore Mine over an extent of 53.52 Ha (Mining 37.45 Ha + Approach Road 16.07 Ha) in SY.No: 11 & 12 of Gollarahalli Village & other Villages of Chikanayakanahalli Taluk/Forest Range, Tumakuru District, Karnataka.

Reference: (1) Our proposal No:FP/KA/MIN/154749/2022 - Doc-1
(2) Online Portal info, Dated: 15/06/2022 - Doc-2

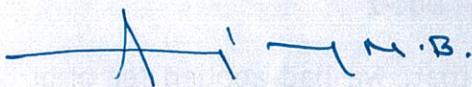
With respect to the above, we would like to submit that, we had applied for prior approval of MoEF & CC, GoI under section-2 (ii) of Forest Conservation Act-1980 for obtaining Forest Clearance for an total extent of 53.52 Ha of Forest land i.e. for mining an extent of 37.45 Ha in Sy.No:11 & 12 of Gollarahalli Village and 16.07 Ha for approach road in Gollarahalli, Hosahalli, Kodihalli, Tolanapura, Lakmenahalli Villages of Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk/Forest range which are part of Corrigendum Notification of Janeeru Section-4 (vide No.FEE 188 FAF 2014, dated 04-09-2014) and Thirtharampura Reserve Forest.

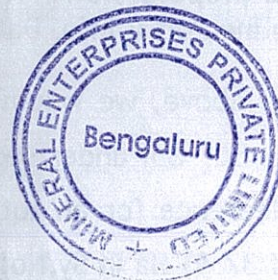
Our proposal submitted online vide Ref cited above at (1) has been examined by the Nodal officer-Forest Conservation, Karnataka that our application is complete in all aspects and we have been instructed vide ref cited at (2) to submit the hard copies of the entire document uploaded online through PARIVESH portal to your good office and after obtaining the acknowledgment to submit the same online for further processing of our Forest Clearance application in Form-A.

In compliance to the directions, we are herewith submitting the hard copy of the Forest proposal submitted online for diversion of Forest land for the purpose of Mining and Approach Road from Annexure-1 to Annexure-24 (SL.No. 1 to 30 of list of Annexures)

We request your good office to acknowledge the receipt of the same in seven sets (Including one original) and process our Forest Clearance application in form-A for according approval for diversion of Forest Land under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act-1980.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully
For Mineral Enterprises Private Limited


Authorised Signatory



o/c
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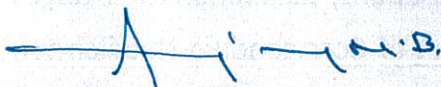
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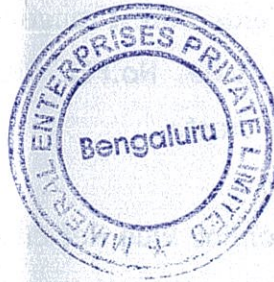
We would like to further submit that Ministry of Environment & Forests (Forest Conservation Division) notification, Dated: 14.03.2014 (Doc-3) at 3 (e) & (f) makes it mandatory for any proposal involving forest diversion has to undergo the process for Settlement of Rights in accordance with the provisions of Schedule Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act-2006 and the same needs to be completed by your good selves/office.

Therefore, in compliance to the directions of The Nodal Officer, Karnataka, we are herewith submitting the hard copy of the Forest proposal submitted online for diversion of Forest land for the purpose of Mining and Approach Road from Annexure-1 to Annexure-24 (SL.No. 1 to 30 of list of Annexures)

We request your good office to acknowledge the receipt of the same in two sets and to kindly consider the proposal & recommend to the concerned authority accordingly to initiate the process for issuance of Certificate in Form-II as required under the Schedule Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act-2006.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully
For Mineral Enterprises Private Limited


Authorised Signatory



Enclosures : As above

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MOHAN MB <mohan.mb@mel.co.in>

Email Alert From System Administrator of Online Submission and Monitoring of Forests Clearances Proposal(OSMFCP) portal

1 message

monitoring-fc@nic.in <monitoring-fc@nic.in>

Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 5:45 PM

To: mohan.mb@mel.co.in

Cc: monitoring-fc@nic.in

This is to acknowledge that a proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 as per the details given below has been successfully uploaded on the portal of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Government of India.

1. **Proposal No.** : FP/KA/MIN/154749/2022
2. **Proposal Name** : Sarangapani Iron and Manganese Ore Mine
3. **Category of the Proposal** : Mining
4. **Date of Submission** : 22/04/2022
5. **Name of the Applicant with Contact Details**
 - Name : SANJAY
 - Mobile No. : 9880788817
 - State : Karnataka
 - District : Bangalore Urban
 - Pincode : 560025
6. **Area Applied (ha.)** : 53.52

The proposal will be examined by the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to assess its completeness.

(System Administrator)

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TimeLine Details

Proposal received date at each stage of flow.

A. General Details

(i). **Proposal No. :** FP/KA/MIN/154749/2022

(ii). **Name of Project for which Forest Land is required :** Sarangapani Iron and Manganese Ore Mine

(iii). **Short narrative of the proposal and Project/scheme for which the forest land is required :** 1. The present application is for seeking permission in already broken up area as a larger area including this area was granted to one Sri. Sarangapani Mudaliyar in 1950's. 2. The Govt of Karnataka issued a public advertisement inviting applicants for grant of mining lease during 1999. 3. We appli

(iv). **State :** Karnataka

(v). **Category of the Project :** Mining

(vi). **Shape of forest land proposed to be diverted :** Hybrid

(vii). **Area of forest land proposed for diversion(in ha.):** 53.52

B. Time Line

Proposal No.	Submitted by User Agency	Query for Shortcoming(if any) by Nodal Officer	Resubmission (if of Proposal by User Agency	Query by Nodal Officer for submitting Hard Copies	Uploading (by U.A.) of copies of receipt received from DFO & DC	Division Circle	Nodal State Office Government Delhi	Stage-I Approval on	Stage-II Approval on
FP/KA/MIN/154749/2022	22/04/2022	19/05/2022	03/06/2022	15/06/2022					

C. Essential Details Sought History_

Communication between MoEFCC, New Delhi & State Government	Communication between State Government & Nodal Officer	Communication between Nodal Officer & Circle	Communication between Circle & Division	Communication between Division & User Agency

NOTE:- Proposal is pending with User Agency for submitting hard copy of proposal .

Close(X)		EDS details related with Proposals				Close(X)	
Sno.	Proposal No.	Essential Details Sought by Forest Department	Copy of Essential Details Sought letter	Sought on/Replied on (Date)	Query From/Replied By		
1	FP/KA/MIN/154749/2022	The proposal is incomplete as detailed in the letter enclosed.	19 May 2022 1614198931MineralEnterprisespvtltd.pdf	19/05/2022	Nodal Officer		
2	FP/KA/MIN/154749/2022	The correction have been made as per the instruction received		03/06/2022	User Agency		
3	FP/KA/MIN/154749/2022	Regarding Acceptance of Proposal		15/06/2022	Nodal Officer		

भाग 5

(वन विभाग के भारसाधक सचिव या राज्य सरकार द्वारा कोई अन्य अधिकारी जो अवर सचिव से पंक्ति की नीचे का न हो, भरा जाए)

32. राज्य सरकार की सिफारिशें

(उपरोक्त भाग 2 या भाग 3 या भाग 4 में किसी अधिकारी या प्राधिकारी द्वारा की गई प्रतिकूल टिप्पणियाँ)

स्थान :

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शासकीय मुद्रा.....”

[फा. सं. 11-43/2013-एफ सी]

एम. एस. नेगी, वन महानिरीक्षक (वन संरक्षण)

टिप्पण : मूल नियम भारत के राजपत्र में संख्यांक सा.का.नि. 23(अ) तारीख 10 जनवरी, 2003 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए और तत्पश्चात् सा.का.नि.94(अ) तारीख 3 फरवरी, 2004 और सा.का.नि.107(अ) तारीख 9 फरवरी, 2004 द्वारा संशोधित किए गए ।

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(Forest Conservation Division)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th March, 2014

G.S.R. 185(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (69 of 1980), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003, namely:—

1.(1) These rules may be called the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2014.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 2,

(i) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ba) “Conservator of Forests” means an officer appointed by the State Government or the Union Territory Administration, as the case may be, under the designation of Conservator of Forests or the Chief Conservator of Forests or the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests or any such similar designation, to hold charge of a Forest Circle having jurisdiction over the forest land for which the approval of the Central Government under the Act is required;”

(ii) after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ca) “Divisional Forest Officer” means an officer appointed by the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, under the designation of the Divisional Forest Officer or the Deputy Conservator of Forests or any such similar designation, to hold charge of a Forest Division having jurisdiction over the forest land for which the approval of the Central Government under the Act is required;”

3. In the said rules, for rule 6 and 7, the following rules shall be substituted, namely:—

“6. Submission of proposal seeking approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Act.—

(1) Every User Agency that wants to use any forest land for non-forest purposes, shall make its proposal in the relevant Form appended to these rules, namely; Form ‘A’ for proposal seeking first time approval under the Act, Form ‘B’ for proposal seeking renewal of leases, where approval of the Central Government under the Act had already been obtained, and Form ‘C’ for prospecting of minerals, to the

Nodal Officer of the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, along with requisite information and documents, complete in all respect.

(2) The User Agency shall endorse a copy of the proposal, along with a copy of the receipt obtained from the office of the Nodal Officer to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer, District Collector and Regional Office as well as the Monitoring Cell of the Forest Conservation Division of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(3) (a) The Nodal Officer of the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, after having received the proposal under sub-rule (1) and on being satisfied that the proposal is complete in all respects and requires prior approval under section 2 of the Act, shall send the proposal to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and the District Collector within a period of ten days of the receipt of the proposal.

(b) If the Nodal Officer of the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, finds that the proposal is incomplete, he shall return it within a period of ten days to the User Agency and this time period and the time taken by the User Agency to re-submit the proposal shall not be counted for any future reference.

(c) The Divisional Forest Officer shall examine the factual details and feasibility of the proposal, certify the maps, carry out site-inspection and enumeration of the trees and forward his findings in the Format specified in this regard to the Conservator of Forests.

(d) The Divisional Forest Officer shall process and forward the application along with his findings on the proposal involving forest land up to forty hectares, above forty hectares and up to one hundred hectares and above one hundred hectares to the Conservator of Forests within a period of thirty days, forty five days and sixty days respectively.

(e) The District Collector shall complete the process for settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) (hereinafter referred to as the FRA), obtain consent of the Gram Sabha or Gram Sabhas, wherever required, and forward his findings in the Format specified in this regard to the Conservator of Forests.

(f) The District Collector shall forward the proposal along with his findings on settlement of rights under FRA and consent of the Gram Sabha or Gram Sabhas, wherever required, in respect of the proposal involving forest land up to forty hectares, above forty hectares and up to one hundred hectares and above one hundred hectares to the Conservator of Forests within a period of thirty days, forty five days and sixty days respectively.

(g) The Conservator of Forests shall examine the factual details and feasibility of the proposal, carry out site-inspection in case the area of forest land proposed to be diverted is more than forty hectares, and forward the proposal along with his recommendations and the report on settlement of rights under the FRA and consent of the concerned Gram Sabha or Gram Sabhas, wherever required, received from the District Collector to the Nodal Officer.

(h) The time taken by the Conservator of Forests to process and forward to the Nodal Officer the proposal involving forest land up to forty hectares and above forty hectares shall not be more than ten days and thirty days respectively.

(i) The Nodal Officer, through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, shall forward the proposal to the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, along with his recommendations.

(j) The Nodal Officer shall process and forward the proposal along with his findings on the proposal involving forest land, up to five hectares, above five hectares and up to forty hectares, above forty hectares up to one hundred hectares and above one hundred hectares, to the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, within a period of ten days, twenty days, twenty five days and thirty days respectively.

(k) In case the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, decides not to, de-reserve or divert for non-forest purpose or assign on lease the forest land indicated in the proposal, as the case may be, the same shall be intimated to the User Agency within thirty days of the receipt of proposal from the Nodal Officer:

Provided, all proposals involving diversion of forest land for projects of the Central Government or Central Government Undertakings where the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, does not agree in-principle to de-reserve or divert for non-forest purpose or assign on lease the forest land indicated in the proposal, as the case may be, shall be forwarded to the Central Government along with comments of the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be.

(l) The State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, shall forward along with its recommendations all those proposals where State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, agrees in-principle to de-reserve or divert for non-forest purpose or assign on lease the forest land indicated in the proposal, as the case may be, and all proposals involving diversion of forest land for projects of the Central Government or Central Government Undertakings, to the Central Government within thirty days:

Provided that the all proposals involving felling of trees on forest land or a portion thereof for the purpose of using it for reafforestation shall be sent in the form of Working Plan or Working Scheme or Management Plan:

Provided further that the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, shall simultaneously send the intimation to the User Agency about forwarding of the proposal, along with its recommendations, to the Regional Office or the Ministry of Environment and Forests, as the case may be:

Provided also that total time taken exclusively for transit of a proposal between various authorities in the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, shall not be more than twenty days, over and above the time period specified for processing of proposal by each authority.

(m) Whenever the time taken by the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, for processing the proposal exceeds the time limits stipulated in clauses (a) to (l) above, the proposal shall be considered by the Central Government only if an explanation for the delay is furnished to the satisfaction of the Central Government, together with action taken against any individual held to be responsible for the delay.

(4) (a) The proposal referred to in clause (l) of sub-rule (3), involving forest land up to forty hectares shall be forwarded by the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, along with its recommendations, to the concerned Regional Office.

(b) The proposal referred to in clause (l) of sub-rule (3), involving forest land of more than forty hectares shall be forwarded by the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, along with its recommendations, to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India:

(c) The proposals referred to in clause (l) of sub-rule (3), involving clearing of trees in forest land or portion thereof for the purpose of using it for re-afforestation shall be sent to the concerned Regional Office.

7. Processing of proposals received by the Central Government. — (1) (a) The Regional Office, after having received the proposal referred in clause (a) and clause (c) of sub-rule (4) of rule 6 shall determine the completeness of proposal within five working days.

(b) If the Regional Office finds that the proposal is incomplete, it shall return it within the period of five working days as specified under clause (a), to the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, and this time period and the time taken by the State Government to re-submit the proposal shall not be counted for any future reference.

- (2) (a) The Regional Office shall after examination of the proposal involving forest land up to five hectares other than the proposal relating to mining and encroachments, which are complete in all respects, and after such further enquiry as it may consider necessary, grant in-principle approval subject to fulfillment of stipulated conditions; or reject the same within twenty five days of its receipt from the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, and communicate the same to the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, within next five days.
- (b) The proposals involving forest land above five hectares and up to forty hectares and all proposals for regularisation of encroachments and mining up to forty hectares, which are complete in all respects, shall be examined by the Regional Office in consultation with an Advisory Group consisting of representatives of the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, from Revenue Department, Forest Department, Planning Department or Finance Department and the concerned Department whose proposal is being examined.
- (c) The Regional Office shall within a period of thirty five days of the receipt of the proposal from the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, shall forward such proposal along with views of the Advisory Group to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests for obtaining the decision of the Central Government:

Provided that time taken in transit of a proposal from Regional Office to the Ministry of Environment and Forests shall not be more than five days.

- (d) The Central Government shall, after considering the views of the Advisory Group and after further enquiry as it may consider necessary, grant in-principle approval subject to fulfillment of stipulated conditions, or reject the same within thirty days of its receipt from the Regional Office and communicate the same to the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, within next five working days.
- (3) (a) All proposals involving clearing of trees in forest land or portion thereof for the purpose of using it for re-forestation shall be finally disposed of by the Regional Office within a period of sixty days of receipt of the proposals from the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be.
- (b) While examining the proposal, the Regional Office shall ensure that the final decision is in conformity with the National Forest Policy, Working Plan guidelines and other relevant rules and guidelines issued by the Central Government from time to time.
- (c) The Regional Office shall however seek prior clearance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests whenever the proposal involves clear-felling of forest land having crown density, above forty per cent irrespective of the area involved, or clear-felling of forest area of size more than twenty hectares in the plains and ten hectares in the hilly region, irrespective of density.
- (4) (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests, after having received the proposal referred to in clause (b) of sub-rule (4) of rule 6 shall determine the completeness of the proposal within ten days.
- (b) If the Ministry of Environment and Forests finds that the proposal is incomplete, it shall return it within the period of ten days as specified under clause (a), to the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, and this time period and the time taken by the State Government to re-submit the proposal shall not be counted for any future reference.
- (c) In case the proposal involves forest land more than one hundred hectares, Ministry of Environment and Forest shall within ten days of the receipt of a proposal complete in all respects, request the concerned Regional Office to inspect the forest land proposed to be diverted and submit a report to the Ministry of Environment and Forest within a period of forty-five days:

Provided that the total time taken in communication of the request for site inspection from the Ministry of Environment and Forests to Regional Office and communication of the site inspection report from the Regional Office to the Ministry of Environment and Forests shall not be more than ten days, over and above the time taken in undertaking site inspection by the Regional Office.

- (d) The Central Government shall refer every proposal, which is complete in all respects, received by it under clause (b) of sub-rule (4) of rule 6 including site inspection reports, wherever required, to the Committee

for its advice and the Committee shall give its advice within thirty days from the date of receipt of the said proposal.

(e) The Committee shall have due regard to all or any of the following matters while tendering its advice on the proposals referred to it under clause (d), namely:-

- (i) whether the forest land proposed to be used for non-forest purpose forms part of a nature reserve, national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve or forms part of the habitat of any endangered or threatened species of flora and fauna or of an area lying severely eroded catchment;
- (ii) whether the use of any forest land is for agricultural purposes or for the rehabilitation of persons displaced from their residences by reason of any river valley or hydro-electric project;
- (iii) whether the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, has certified that it has considered all other alternatives and that no other alternatives in the circumstances are feasible and that the required area is the minimum needed for the purpose;
- (iv) whether the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, undertakes to provide at its cost for the acquisition of land of an equivalent area and afforestation thereof;
- (v) whether the per unit requirement of forest land is significantly higher than the national average for similar projects; and
- (vi) whether the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, before making their recommendation has considered all issues having direct and indirect impact of the diversion of forest land on forest, wildlife and environment.

(f) While tendering advice, the Committee may also suggest any condition or restriction on the use of any forest land for any non-forest purpose, which in its opinion would minimise adverse environmental impact.

(g) The Central Government shall, after considering the advice of the Committee under clause (e) and clause (f) and after such further enquiry as it may consider necessary, grant in-principle approval subject to fulfillment of stipulated conditions, or reject the same within thirty days of the receipt of advice from the Committee and communicate the same to the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, within next five working days.

8. Submission of report on compliance to conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and grant of final approval. (1) (a) The Nodal Officer shall within five days of receipt of the in-principle approval, endorse a copy of the same to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and the Conservator of Forests;

(b) On receipt of a copy of the in-principle approval, the Divisional Forest Officer shall prepare a demand note containing item-wise amount of compensatory levies such as cost of creation and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), cost of implementation of catchment area treatment plan or wildlife conservation plan *etc.* to be paid by the User Agency and communicate the same, along with a list of documents, certificates and undertakings required to be submitted by the User Agency in compliance with the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval to the User Agency within ten days of the receipt of a copy of the in-principle approval.

(c) The User Agency shall within thirty days of receipt of demand note and list of documents, certificates and undertakings from the Divisional Forest Officer make payment of compensatory levies and submit a compliance report containing a copy of documentary evidence in respect of the payment of compensatory levies along with documents, certificates and undertakings indicated in the said list to Divisional Forest Officer.

(d) The Divisional Forest Officer, after having received the compliance report shall determine its completeness within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the User Agency.

(e) If the Divisional Forest Officer finds that the compliance report is incomplete, he shall communicate the shortcoming or shortcomings in the compliance report to the User Agency within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the User Agency and if the compliance report is complete in all respect, it shall be

forwarded to the Conservator of Forests within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the User Agency.

(f) The Conservator of Forests, after having received the compliance report shall determine its completeness within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Divisional Forest Officer.

(g) If the Conservator of Forests finds that the compliance report is incomplete, he shall communicate the shortcoming or shortcomings in the compliance report to the User Agency and the Divisional Forest Officer within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Divisional Forest Officer and if the compliance report is complete in all respects, it shall be forwarded to the Nodal Officer within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Divisional Forest Officer.

(h) The Nodal Officer, after having received the compliance report shall determine its completeness within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Conservator of Forests.

(i) If the Nodal Officer finds that the compliance report is incomplete, he shall communicate the shortcoming or shortcomings in the compliance report to the User Agency, the Conservator of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officer within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Conservator of Forests and if the compliance report is complete in all respects, it shall be forwarded to the State Government or Union territory Administration, as the case may be, within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Conservator of Forests.

(j) The State Government or Union territory Administration, as the case may be, after having received the compliance report shall determine its completeness within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Nodal Officer.

(k) If the State Government or Union territory Administration, as the case may be, finds that the compliance report is incomplete, it shall communicate the shortcoming or shortcomings in the compliance report to the User Agency, the Nodal Officer, the Conservator of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officer within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Nodal Officer and if the compliance report is complete in all respects, it shall be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment and Forests or the Regional Office, as the case may be, within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Nodal Officer.

(l) The Ministry of Environment and Forests or the Regional Office, as the case may be, after having received the compliance report shall determine its completeness within a period of fifteen days.

(m) If the Ministry of Environment and Forests, or the Regional Office, as the case may be, finds that the compliance report is complete in all respect, it shall accord the final approval under the Act and communicate the same to the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, within a period of twenty days of the receipt of a compliance report which is complete in all respect.

(n) The report on fulfillment of shortcoming or shortcomings in the compliance report shall be processed and forwarded to authorities concerned in the State Government or the Union territory administration, as the case may be, and Central Government in the manner and within the time limits stipulated in clause (d) to clause (l) above.

(2) (a) In cases where compliance of conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval is awaited for more than five years from the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, the in-principle approvals shall be summarily revoked.

(b) If the User Agency or the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, is still interested in the project, after its revocation, they may submit a fresh proposal which shall be considered de-novo.

3 (a) In case, before submission of a report on compliance to conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval accorded under the Act for a mining project by the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, and grant of final approval by the Central Government within five years from the date of grant of in-principle approval, validity of the mining lease expires, instead of submission of a de-novo proposal, to obtain approval of Central Government under the Act for diversion of such forest land, for renewal of mining lease, the State Government or Union territory Administration, as the case may be, while submitting report on compliance to conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval may seek final approval of Central Government under the Act for diversion of such forest land

for original period of the mining lease for which in-principle approval has already been accorded, and also for renewal of mining lease for a period, as specified by the State Government and Union Territory Administration, as the case may be, not exceeding twenty years.

(b) Report on compliance to statutes, circulars or directives, as applicable to such proposals; which came into force after grant of in-principle approval, if any, shall also be submitted to the Central Government along with the report on compliance to conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

(c) In such cases, apart from grant of final approval under the Act for diversion of such forest land for original period of mining lease, the Central Government, shall, after considering advice of the Forest Advisory Committee or the State Advisory Group, as the case may be, and after further enquiry as it may consider necessary, grant final approval to the proposal of the State Government of Union Territory Administration, as the case may be, for renewal of mining lease for a period, as may be specified by the Central Government, not exceeding twenty years, with appropriate conditions or reject the same."

4. In the said rules, in the Appendix, after Form-B, the following Form shall be inserted, namely:-

"FORM-'C'"

Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposals by the State Governments and other authorities for prospecting of minerals in forest land

PART - I

(to be filled up by User Agency)

1. Project detail:

- (i) Name, address and contact details of the User Agency:
- (ii) Legal status of the User Agency:
- (iii) Name, designation and full address of the person making application:
- (iv) Documents in support of the competence or authority of the person making this application to make application on behalf of the User Agency enclosed: (Yes/No)
- (v) Mineral commodity to be explored:
- (vi) Short narrative of the activities proposed to be undertaken in both forest and non-forestland:
- (vii) Details of approvals accorded by the concerned Ministry or Department in the State or Central Government, as the case may be, for grant of prospecting license in favour of the User Agency:
- (viii) Details of forest and non-forest land included in the prospecting lease:
- (ix) Total area of forest land required for prospecting:
 - (a) Area of forest land likely to experience permanent change in land use
 - (b) Area of forest land likely to experience temporary change in land use
- (x) Total period for which the forest land is proposed to be utilised for prospecting:
- (xi) Estimated cost of the project:
- (xii) Details of forest land diverted earlier, if any, in favour of the User Agency in the State or Union territory along with current status of the use of such forest land:
- (xiii) Details of permission accorded earlier, if any, in favour of the User Agency for prospecting of minerals in forest land along with current status of prospecting in each case:

2. Details of Maps enclosed

- (i) Survey of India topo-sheet(s), in original in 1:50,000 scale showing boundary of prospecting block; boundary of each patch of forest land located within the prospecting block; location of each sample plot or borehole site, roads or pathway (existing as well as new pathway to be shown separately) to be used for transportation of drilling equipments; boundary of the adjoining forests and protected areas located within ten (10) Kilometers distance from boundary of forest land identified for prospecting etc.: (Yes/No).

Note 1: In case Survey of India Toposheet in 1: 50,000 scale is not available, especially in case of the areas located near International Borders and other strategic locations, in place of Survey of India Toposheet other maps available in public domain may also be used.

Note 2: Due to technical reasons, while undertaking the prospecting activities, the user agency may vary location of boreholes, sample plots, roads or paths *etc.* up to 300 meters, provided area of forest land proposed to be utilised and number of trees proposed to be cut does not exceed the same given in the proposal.

3. (i) Justification for prospecting in forest land:
 - (ii) Details of alternatives examined;
 - (iii) Detail of non-invasive prospecting activities, if any, undertaken by the user agency in the forest land indicated in the extant proposal:
4. Whether the forest land identified for prospecting is located in scheduled areas (Yes/No);
5. Details of activities proposed to be undertaken in forest land;
 - (i) Surface sampling
 - (a) Grab sampling
 - (b) Chip sampling
 - (c) Groove sampling
 - (d) Channel sampling
 - (e) Bulk sampling
 - (f) Geochemical grid sampling with sample line spacing
 - (ii) Pitting or trenching
 - (a) Number and dimension of pits or trenches
 - (b) Total volume of excavation
 - (c) Area of forest land to be utilised for pits or trenches
 - (iii) Drilling
 - (a) Number and diameter of boreholes or wells
 - (b) Spacing of boreholes or wells
 - (c) Area to be temporarily disturbed at each bore hole or well
 - (d) Area, if any, to be permanently disturbed at each bore hole or well
 - (e) Total meterage of boreholes or wells
 - (f) Number of drill core samples
 - (g) Volume of drill core samples
 - (iv) Construction of roads or paths
 - (a) Length and width of roads or paths proposed to be constructed;
 - (b) Area of forest land proposed to be utilised for roads or paths;
 - (v) Any other activity (*pl. specify*)
6. Area of forest land likely to experience temporary change in land use due to:
 - (i) Surface sampling;

- (ii) Pitting or trenching;
- (iii) Drilling;
- (iv) Construction of roads or paths;
- (v) Any other activity (*pl. specify.*);

Total:

7. Area of forest land likely to experience permanent change in land use due to:

- (i) Surface sampling;
- (ii) Pitting or trenching;
- (iii) Drilling;
- (iv) Construction of roads/paths;
- (v) Any other activity (*pl. specify.*);

Total:

8. Details of machinery or equipments, to be deployed for prospecting :

Sl. No.	Name of equipment or machinery	Mode of traction	Size (L x B x H)	Estimated deployment (machine hours)	Maximum noise level (decibel)

9. Details of existing paths or roads proposed to be utilised for transport of the equipment or machines in the forest land;

10. Approximate number and approximate duration of stay in the forest land of the persons proposed to be deployed for prospecting;

11. Summary of the estimated quantity of ore and other samples proposed to be collected during the prospecting (not applicable for hydrocarbon sector):

Sl. No.	Details of samples	Qty. proposed to be collected (Metric Tonne)

12. Estimated accuracy and confidence level for mineral reserve assessment;

13. Estimated accuracy and confidence level in case number of bore holes proposed to be drilled are reduced by:

	Accuracy (%)	Confidence level (%)
(i) 10 %:		
(ii) 20 %:		
(iii) 30 %:		
(iv) 40 %:		
(v) 50 %:		

14. In case the proposal is for extension of the period of the permission granted for prospecting, or for drilling of additional bore holes, please provide following additional information:

(i) Details of approval accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the past:

Sl. No.	Number and date of the approval accorded	Area of forest land permitted for prospecting (ha)	Validity period of approval	
			From	To

(ii) Report on status of compliance to the conditions stipulated in the approval accorded in the past enclosed (Yes/No)

(iii) Details of violation(s), if any committed.

(iv) Justification for extension of permission accorded for prospecting.

(v) Details of prospecting activities undertaken and sample collected, so far.

15. Details of documents enclosed:

Date:

Place:

Signature

(Name in Block letter)

Designation

Address (of User Agency)

State serial No. of proposal

(To be filled up by the Nodal Officer with date of receipt)

PART - II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

Division serial No. of proposal

16. Location of the project or scheme:

(i) State/Union Territory

(ii) District

(iii) Forest Division

(iv) Area of forest land proposed to be utilised for prospecting.

17. Legal status of forest land identified for prospecting.

18. Details of vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion:

(i) Forest type;

(ii) Average crown density of vegetation;

(iii) Species-wise local or scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees required to be felled;

(iv) Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed to be utilised for prospecting.

19. Brief note on topography and vulnerability of the forest land proposed to be utilised for prospecting to erosion.

20. Approximate distance of the forest land proposed to be utilised for prospecting from boundary of the forest land.

PART - III

(To be filled by the concerned Conservator of Forests)

28. Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by the Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes the date of inspection and observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.
29. Whether the Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.
30. Specific recommendation of Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

Date:

Signature-----

Place:

Name-----

Official Seal-----

PART - IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

31. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by the Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

Date:

Signature-----

Place:

Name-----

Official Seal-----

PART - V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorised officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

32. Recommendation of the State Government:

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-II or Part -III or Part-IV above should be specially commented upon)

Date:

Signature-----

Place:

Name-----

Official Seal-----

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M. S. NEGI, Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation)

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