

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Office of
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Date -03-2025

To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

Sub: Diversion of 4.035 hectares of Forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near Hilikunte Village, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach Road to mining lease No. 0016 [e-auctioned C-category mine] in favour of M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Pune

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021 [Form-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office even letter dated 05-09-2024 [*proposal seeking Stage-I Approval*] and letter dated 21-01-2025 [*reply to latest EDS query raised by GoI vide letter dated 09-12-2024*]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 20 FLL 2024(e) letter dated 22-03-2024 [*submission of FC proposal*], letter dated 12-02-2025 [*reply to latest EDS query raised by GoI vide letter dated 09-12-2024*] and letter dated 19-03-2025 [*communication of latest EDS query raised by GoI*]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi letter dated 03-03-2025 [*latest EDS query*]

In response to the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) to the Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi. The Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide Ref (3) letter dated 03-03-2025 addressed to the Government of Karnataka has Stated that “State Government has forwarded the justification furnished by the user agency without any specific comments. Therefore, the State Government may kindly examine the instant proposal in more detailed manner including its inescapability and provide specific comments for submission of above mentioned fresh proposal which involves felling of large number of trees when there is already approved road in place for approach to mining lease.

Further, it is also informed that proposed road involves re-diversion of 1.389 ha already diverted in favour of M/s KIOCL. Therefore, State Government is also requested

to clarify whether the user agency has applied for re-diversion for the said area or otherwise.”

Further, the Government of Karnataka vide letter dated 19-03-2025 has directed this office to submit the information sought by the Government of India.

Hence, you are directed to provide the details / information / documents / clarification to this office for further needful.

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

Copy to the:

1. Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanaro Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune, Maharashtra – 411 for information.