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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Writ Appeal No. 1359/2012 and 2907/2012 before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka on the orders dated 23rd December, 2011 in W.P.No. 46599-46600/2011 (GM-FOR) filed by M/s. MSPL Limited, Hospet and Others V/s. State of Karnataka & Others -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer PCCF, Karnataka letter No. A5(2).[A5(4)].W.P.CR-5/2011-12 dated 11/05/2017 on the above subject. In this regard, it is clarified that violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 can be applied to cases where the State Government or any authority passes any order for permitting activities covered by item No. (i) to (iv) of Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The cases of illicit felling and encroachment of forest land will have to be dealt under the provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927 /State Forest Act and responsibility of implementation of the said Acts vests with the State Government.

In the instant case, if the State Government is fully convinced that the provisions of F(C)Act, 1980 have been violated, then a detailed report clearly mentioning the nature of offence, the persons responsible for allowing offences, with all relevant details may please be sent to this office, so that appropriate action can be taken against the officials responsible for violation of the Act.

Yours sincerely,

(R. Padmawathe)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.

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