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

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Dated: 17 June, 2019

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Karnataka,  
Bangalore.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 14.8457 ha. of forest land in Swamimalai Forest Block in Sandur Taluk in Ballari District for establishing downhill conveyor system from Haddinapade Iron Mine (ML No. 2516) to the proposed railway siding at Dharmapura in favour of Sri.B. Rudra Gouda, Sandur, Ballari District as legal representative of Late Sri.B. Kumaragouda in the State of Karnataka.**

Sir,

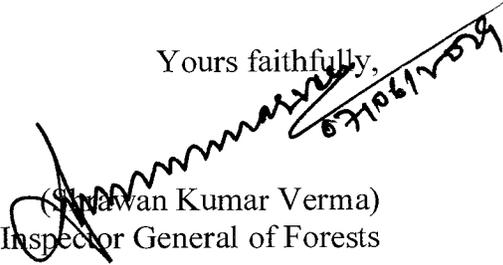
I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter FEE 54 FFM dated 13/03/2019 forwarded above subject proposal to Regional Office, Bangalore for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examination of the said proposal, the following observation are made:

- (i) State Government may be requested to furnish the alternatives examined and reason for their rejection along with site suitability of CA area and Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 compliance certificate. The shape file for identified CA land with suitability certificate and approved CA scheme by the competent authority may be furnished along to this Ministry. It may also confirm that the identified CA land does not fall in Moderate Dense Forest(MDF) to comply the provisions of CA in accordance with latest guidelines issued for the purpose by this Ministry on 28.03.2019 and available on Ministry's website.
- (ii) Shape file for proposed area of diversion may also be furnished.
- (iii) Condition wise compliance on the conditions stipulated in Stage-II approval for diversion of 51.00 ha. of forest land for the said mining lease. The Status of NPV deposit for this mining lease may be intimated.

- (iv) Present lease status of 51.00 ha of Forest land as specified in the lease document along with a copy of certified documentary evidence.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to provide the information/ clarification/ documents on the above points to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Shrawan Kumar Verma)  
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Addl. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. Technical Director(NIC), MoEF & CC, New Delhi- **with request to change the status of the proposal from RO to HQ for processing it in the Ministry at HQ(FC).**
5. User Agency
6. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
7. Guard File.