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То

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

Subject: Diversion of 28.299 ha of forest land for mining and approach road for Swamimalailron Ore Mine (ML No.2559), erstwhile lessee M/s. Karthikeya Managanese & Iron Ore Pvt Ltd) at Kumaraswamy Betta, Sandur Taluk, Bellary to the successful bidder M/s.MSPL Ltd, Hospet -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government letter No.FEE25FFM2019 dated 01.04.2023 on the subject mentioned above wherein it was noted that it was noted that Sri Karthikeya Temple complex is existing in the vicinity of mining lease and as per the directions of Archaeological Survey of India, a distance of 600m from temple complex has been decided to be kept out from mining activities. In this regard, the following information/actions desired by the Ministry may be furnished at the earliest for further necessary action.

a) The documents in support of the directions from the Archeological Survey of India with respect to the temple being an Archeological site and the prescribed distance from the site within which the mining activity is not permissible is required.

b) The process for initiating the action to exclude the overlapping of mining area with the area within the 600 m radius from the temple or as confirmed with the guidelines/notification from the ASI for exclusion of the mining activity, needs to be taken.

c) As the revised area for mining is proposed to be of 18.989 ha, the State recommendation on the same is also required. Further the revised CA, CA Scheme, NPV, Mining plan, kml files of the proposed area, safety zone area etc also is needed from the State Govt.

Yours faithfully, (M.K.Shambhu Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C

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- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18thCross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
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