

To,
M/s Vedantha Ltd., [ML No.2677],
Megalahalli Office Complex,
Bheemasamudra [P], Chitradurga [T &D].

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 9.5474 Ha of forest land in Hirekandavadi village Sy No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy No. 35, Beedurga Hobli, Holalkere Taluk and Dindadahalli village Sy No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 in favor of M/s Vedanta Limited, Chitradurga. **(Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/51389/ 2020) [FORM-A].**

Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru online communication to this office Dated: 07-09-2021.
2. This office even letter dated:27-05-22, 05-06-2023, 06-12-2023 and 04-12-2024.
3. Letter No.A5(1).MNG.CR.6/2018-19 Dated:29-03-2025 of Principal Conservator of Forest (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), aranya Bhavan Bengaluru.

With reference to the above subject, you have submitted a proposal through web portal mode for diversion of 9.5474 Ha of forest land in Hirekandavadi village Sy No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy No. 35, B-Durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluk and Dindadahalli village Sy No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 for approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, a communication through online was received to process the said proposal and to submit specific opinion vide ref (1).

The report on this proposal has already been submitted from this office vide reference (2). The Principal Conservator of Forest (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), aranya Bhavan Bengaluru vide above ref (3) has directed to furnish the following information/documents required for further processing of the proposal.

- i. The user agency has not submitted C:B ratio. It is requested to furnish the C:B ratio considering the parameters given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.

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- ii. The MoEF& CC, New Delhi vide its letter No:8-81/1992-FC (VOL) dated: 15-10-2019 had already accorded in-principal approval for diversion of 7.798 ha of forest land for establishment of Conveyor Belt system to the ML No. 2667. Therefore, the User Agency is requested to clarify whether any work has been carried out as per the said approval or otherwise, along with specific comments.
- iii. The reason given for not going ahead with earlier proposal is stated to be that the DMG has refused to give its permission for Conveyor Belt passing through a closed mine. In this regard, it is requested to provide the alternatives explored and the reason for selecting an alignment through the forest land involving felling of more than 7000 trees, instead of a closed mine.
- iv. The State Government may clarify whether any request has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal of the proposal for which MoEF & CC, New Delhi has already granted in-principal approval on 15-10-2019. And if so, the status of the same may be furnished.
- v. The State Government is requested to provide the status of the proposal of change of name of the user agency, as per the condition stipulated in in-principal approval letter No:8-81/1992 FC (VOL) dated:15-10-2019.

You are therefore requested to submit above information/documents to this office for further action in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

Copy Submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests [Forest Conservation] and Nodal Officer [FCA], Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru for kind perusal.

Copy Submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for kind perusal.


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