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

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**Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019**

To,

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

**Subject: Proposal for diversion of 7.978 ha. of forest land in Thanigehalli village, Sy.No. 35 Hirekandavadi village, Sy.No. 107 & Dinadadahalli village, Sy.No. 18, in Chitradurga Taluk & District for establishing conveyor belt from ML No. 2677 to railway siding in favour of M/s. Vedanta Ltd. Iron Ore (Karnataka), Chitradurga, Karnataka.**

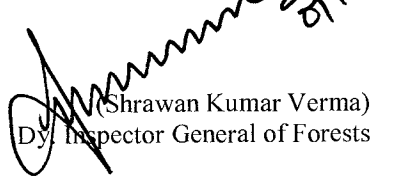
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 50 FFM 2018 dated 16.02.2019 forwarded the 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) Regional Office vide their letter dated 07.01.2019 requested the State Government to furnish the site suitability certificate for CA to this Ministry directly, which is still awaited. The shape file for identified CA land with suitability certificate and approved CA scheme by the competent authority may be furnished.
- (ii) It may clarify whether the land of M/s. Jhantakal Enterprise on which alignment proposed in the instant conveyer belt proposal is a forest land and it was diverted to M/s. Jhantakal Enterprise under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. If yes, whether the land needs to be restored to Forest Department, since mining is not in operational.
- (iii) A NOC from concerned lease holder /agency/State Govt. for the alignment passes through mining lease of M/s. Jhantakal Enterprise is also required before consideration of instant proposal. The present status of mining lease of M/s. Jhantakal Enterprise along-with documentary evidence may also be given.
- (iv) Shape file for proposed area of diversion may be furnished.
- (v) It may be confirmed that all the conditions stipulated in Stage-II approval 30.12.2014 for diversion of 164.79 ha. forest land (161.54 ha. for renewal of mining lease and 3.25 ha. for approach road) for said mining lease have been complied.
- (vi) Present lease status of Forest land as specified in the lease document along with a copy of certified documentary evidence.
- (vii) The user agency may be asked to submit the proposal for change of name of user agency from of M/s Sesa Sterlite Ltd. to M/s. Vedanta Ltd.in accordance with chapter 5 of Handbook of comprehensive guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by this Ministry on 28.03.2019 and the said Handbook is available on this Ministry's website: [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

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.