File No.8-17/2021-FC

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,

Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi: 1100 03, Dated: 22 August, 2021

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),

Department of Forests & Environment,

Government of Karnataka,

Bangalore.

Sub:-Proposal for diversion of 75.92 ha. of forest land (near M.L. No.2396 of NMDC) in Donimalai (DM) forest Block, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District for construction of new Screening Plant-II, Two Tailing dams (I & II) and laying of Water pipeline in favour of NMDC limited. Donimalai Township, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District. (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/Others/14576/2015).-regarding.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 16 FFM 2021 (e) dated 25.07.2022 on the above-mentioned subject forwarding the additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dt 01.02.2022. After analyzing the same it is observed that the State Government has not submitted the Action Taken Report w.r.t the violations of FCA 1980 as reported. Further, the information on action taken specifically w.r.t. the encroachment area reported i.e. 1.83 Ha for agricultural purpose is required.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.