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**EDS QUERY**

**URGENT**

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests  
Ballari Circle, Ballari

**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 pipe line in favour of NMDC limited. Donimalai Township, Sandur, Taluk, Ballari District


**[Online Proposal No.FP/KA/Others/14576/2015][FORM-A]**

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number letter dated 10-02-2022 to CCF, Ballari Circle, Ballari [seeking reply to GOI EDS Query]
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 16 FLL 2021(e) dated 25-07-2022 [communication of reply to GOI] and 29-08-2022 [communication of the GOI, EDS query]
  3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office letter No. 8-17/2021-FC dated 01-02-2022 [EDS Query-1] and 22-08-2022 [EDS Query - 2]

With regard to the above proposal, this office vide letter dated 01-07-2022 addressed to the Government of Karnataka had submitted the reply to the EDS query raised by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office vide Ref (1) letter dated 01-02-2022. Further, the Government of Karnataka forwarded the same to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office vide letter dated 25-07-2022.

In response to above reply, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional vide letter dated 22-08-2022 states that *'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, **it is directed to communicate the same to the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests to submit the information / documents as indicated above at earliest to this office for further communication of the same to the Government of India through the Government of Karnataka for further consideration of the proposal for in-principle stage-I approval.**

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

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Copy to the:

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information and for further necessary action.
2. M/s NMDC, Donimai, Sandur, Ballari District for information.

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

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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
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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,

  
22.08.22

(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.

