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

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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 31st July, 2023

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment,
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 100.282 ha of forest land in Bedara Bommanahalli Village Sy. No. 5, Hirekandavadi Village Sy. No.107, Megalahalli Village Sy. No.21, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk and Marijogihalli Village Sy. No. 18, B. Durga Hobli Holalkere Taluk in Chitradurga District for Mining, Approach Roads and other ancillary purpose in existing BBH Iron Ore Mine (expired ML No.2346 of M/s Mineral Enterprises Limited) in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited (New ML No.0014), Vidyanagara, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Successful Bidder in e-auction). (Online proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/44773/2020).-regarding.,

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter dated 16.07.2021 vide which certain additional information was sought from the State Govt. wrt the above mentioned subject proposal and to say that the requisite information is still awaited.

2. Further, I would like to draw your attention to para 1.20 of the comprehensive guidelines issued by this Ministry on 28.03.2019 which stated that:

"In cases where the State Government is requested to furnish clarification or additional information relating to a proposal, all particulars should be made available to the Central Government within 90 days. If such particulars are not received within 90 days, the proposal may be rejected by the Central Government for non-furnishing of essential information."

3. In view of the above facts it is requested that the State Govt. may clarify that why the above mentioned proposal shall not be rejected with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd-
(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

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2. The APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA) Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The DDGF (C), Regional Office, Bangalore, MoEF&CC.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.