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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ

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Office of the  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



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Date 13-08-2021

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests  
Ballari Circle, Ballari

**Sub:** Diversion of 12.4724 hectare of forest land in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest (6.6978 ha) and Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest (5.7746 ha), Near Dhamapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for establishing closed Pipe Conveyor System from Ramanadurga Iron Ore Mine (RIOM ML No.2141) in favour of M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Private Limited, Ballari

**Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 10-02-202 [seeking for Stage-I approval and 26-03-2021(additional information)]  
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 07 FFM 2020(e) dated 21-05-2021  
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi letter No.4-KRC040/2004-BAN dated 12-08-2021


The proposal mentioned above seeking Stage-I approval has been submitted by this office vide Ref (1) and by Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) to the Government of India.

In response, Government of India vide Ref (3) has communicated that the above proposal was discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in meeting held on 27-07-2021. With regards to the above proposal the following observations are made as detailed below (copy enclosed).

- i. The KML files of the area on DSS it is observed that already two approach roads are there to the existing mines. The FAC has observed that the State Government has not submitted the report on the alternatives explored. State Government shall explore possibility of using the existing road for maintenance of the conveyor belt instead of proposing new road.
- ii. The FAC has observed that the existing railway line is distant from the proposed terminal point of the conveyor belt, and a part of the forest area is proposed to be diverted for railway siding at the proposed terminal point. State Government may submit the justification of proposing the terminal point, well ahead of the existing railway line along with review if forest area proposed for the railway siding could be avoided / minimized.

- iii. Serious note was taken by FAC that the State Government has not yet notified the CA land provided in-lieu of diversion of the forest land approved earlier for mining (60.56 ha) as RF / PF despite considerable number of years have passed -by. It was noted that as per extant guidelines, the CA land has to be notified as RF / PF before Stage-II is granted. The copy of the Notification shall be submitted.
- iv. The area being hilly with steep slopes, a detailed soil and moisture conservation plan for the area shall be required.


Accordingly you are directed to furnish the above mentioned information / documents obtained from the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division.

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

**Copy along with copy of GOI letter communicated to:**

- 1. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division for information and needful action.
- 2. Copy to M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Private Limited, No.462, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward, SMIORE Colony, Near Fire Station, Sandur, Ballari District - 583 119 for information and needful action.

b/c

  
17-8-2021



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ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅಂಚೆ, ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಬಾಕಿ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಅಪಜೀ 07 ಎಫ್‌ಎಫ್‌ಎಂ 2020 (ಇ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ  
ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ  
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ:13-09-2021.

ಇವರಿಂದ:

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಪರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,  
ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಿಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ,  
ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001.

ಇವರಿಗೆ:

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು),  
ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ,  
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560003.

ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ವಿಷಯ: Diversion of 12.4724 hectare of forest land [6.6978 hectare in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest and 5.7746 hectare in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest] near Dharmapura Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari Disrict for establishing Closed Pipe Conveyor System from Ramanadurga Iron Ore Mine (RIOM ML No. 2141) in favour of M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Private Limited, Ballari.

- ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: 1. ತಮ್ಮ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/30/2019-FC, ದಿನಾಂಕ:26-03-2020.
2. ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರಿಸರ, ಅರಣ್ಯಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಹವಾಮಾನ ವೈಪರೀತ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಾಲಯದ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: F.No.4-KRC040/2004-BAN, ದಿನಾಂಕ:12-08-2021.

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ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ (1)ರ ಪತ್ರದ ಕಡೆ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಾ, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ (2)ರ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಇದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿನ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಕೂಲಂಕಷವಾಗಿ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಕೋರಿರುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೂಡಲೇ ಒದಗಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಲು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ತಮ್ಮ ನಂಬುಗೆಯ

(ಎಸ್.ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ)

13/09/2021

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ

ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಿಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ (ಅರಣ್ಯ-ಸಿ)

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

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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jorbagh Road, Aliganj  
New Delhi - 110003  
Dated: 12th August, 2021

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

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 12.4724 hectare of forest land [6.6978 hectare in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest and 5.7746 hectare in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest] near Dharmapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for establishing Closed Pipe Conveyor System from Ramanadurga Iron Ore Mine (RIOM ML No. 2141) in favour of M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Private Limited, Ballari (Online proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/1247/2004.).**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 07 FFM 2020 (e) dated 15.07.2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the matter was discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 27.07.2021. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting is placed on the [parivesh.nic.in](http://parivesh.nic.in). After through deliberation, the FAC deferred the proposal and desired following information to be furnished:

- i. On perusal of the KML files of the area on DSS it is observed that already two approach roads are there to the existing mines. It is learnt the State government has not submitted the report on the alternatives explored. State Government shall explore possibility of using the existing road for maintenance of the Conveyor belt instead of proposing new road.
- ii. From the DSS analysis it is learnt that the existing railway line is distant from the proposed terminal point of the conveyor belt, and a part of the forest area is proposed to be diverted for railway siding at the proposed terminal point. State government may submit the justification of proposing the terminal point, well ahead of the existing railway line along with review if forest area proposed for the railway siding could be avoided/ minimized.
- iii. Serious note was taken that the State government has not yet notified the CA land provided *in-lieu* of diversion of the forest land approved earlier for mining (60.56 ha) as RF/PF despite considerable number of years have passed-by. It was noted that as per extant Guidelines, the CA land has to be notified as RF/PF before Stage-II is granted. The copy of the notification shall be submitted.

iv. The area being hilly with steep slopes, a detailed soil and moisture conservation plan for the area shall be required.

In view of above, it is requested that the State Government may kindly submit the information/documents as stated above to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully

Sd-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Nodal Officer ( FCA), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.