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File No.4-KRB1151/2018-BAN
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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, M.S.Building,
Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject :- **Diversion of 1.645 ha. of forest land in SM Block, DM and Sy. No. 224 of Bannihatti Village (Section -4 proposed area) in Bellary district for proposed Main Pipe Conveyor Belt Corridor from Nandihalli Railway Yard to JSW plant in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. Vidyanagar, Bellary District – reg.**

Ref:- MoEFCC, Regional Office, Bangalore letter No. 4-KRB1151/2018-BAN/476 dated 25.06.2019.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject and reference cited above and to further inform that the above project was monitored by Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central) on 15/12/2025. The following observations were made:-

1. Quick study to be undertaken through EMPRI, Bangalore regarding the efficacy/noise/pollution effects on the wildlife.
2. User Agency to undertake changes in the conditions if required subsequently to the study
3. The established yellow lamps near hopper site should be pointed towards down and center and these lights should not be of high beam.
4. The User Agency should ensure that the feeder and hopper point land should be fenced so that the entry and exit of vehicles may be restricted in one way/lane.
5. The speed of ore transporting vehicles from 6.00 pm to 6.00 am should be restricted to less than 20 km/hour.
6. The user agency should ensure that all sound reducing systems produce very low sound by inter controlling measures and also the frequency of sound should be maintained below 70 decibels from 6.00 pm to 6.00 am.
7. The user agency should ensure that reforestation in the leased-out forests land (below the conveyor belt) should be undertaken with the plants of quick growth to enable free movement and resting of wildlife.
8. The user agency should arrange training/awareness programs to the officials regarding human-animal conflict who are involved in the conveyor belt operations.
9. The user agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated by central government/regional office/ state government/ the office of PCCF(HoFF) in future in the interests of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife.

10. Based upon the clearance given by the MoEF&CC. The user agency may be given three months' time or till the conclusion of the study whichever is earlier to prepare for implementing the conditions stipulated in the permission.
11. Conveyor is running 24 hours. Reforestation in both sides of the conveyor belt is carried out by the User Agency in forest area. HEP sound proof/cover is established in conveyor belt in forest area.
12. CA is not demarcated and no fencing is established. As the area is having encroachment forests department should do proper fencing and demarcation in field.
13. The project may have negative impact on wildlife. UA has informed that study to be undertaken through EMPRI, Bangalore regarding the efficacy/noise/pollution effects on the wildlife is undergoing. Study may be completed at the earliest and mitigation measures should be followed meticulously.

A copy of the monitoring report is enclosed. It is requested that necessary action may please be taken for compliance of the non-compliance of conditions observed during monitoring and a report may be submitted to this office upon receipt of this letter at the earliest.

Encl: as above.

Digitally signed by Yours faithfully,
Yasodha K
Date: 05-01-2026 (Yasodha K)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)
12:05:07

Copy to:

1. The PCCF(HoFF), Office of the PCCF, Forest Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
2. The PCCF(FC) / Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, Forest Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Ballari Forest Division, Ballari District.

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MONITORING PROFORMA

MONITORING OF THE ACTION ON STIPULATED CONDITIONS IN CASE OF
PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDER
SECTION-2 OF THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980.

MONITORING REPORT BY: Smt Yasodha K, DIGF(Central)
ON: 15.12.2025

PART-I (General Particulars)

1	Name/purpose of the proposal	Diversion of 1.645 ha. of forest land in SM Block, DM and Sy. No. 224 of Bannihatti Village (Section -4 proposed area) in Bellary district for proposed Main Pipe Conveyor Belt Corridor from Nandihalli Railway Yard to JSW plant in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. Vidyanagar, Bellary District
2	Number and date of the Government of India's letter according permission	Government of India's letter No.4-KRB1151/2018-BAN/476 dated. 25.06.2019
3	Area permitted to be diverted (in Ha)	1.645 ha.
4	District and Forest Division	Ballari Division, Ballari District
5	Area actually diverted (in Ha)	1.645 ha.

PART-II

(Details of Compensatory Afforestation)

1	Location of the area	Gonal village, Hospet taluk, Bellary District
	Extent	1.645 ha
	District	Ballari Districts
	Division	Vijayanagara
	Khasra No./Survey No.	Sy.No.2B/2 of 61
2	Whether Afforestation is made on forest or non-forest area	Non-forest land
3	If on non-forest	No



	land, the land has been declared as protected/Reserve Forest (endorsement copy of the notification)	
4	If no, the steps taken to declare it protected forest	As informed by DCF proposal has been sent to Government for declaration as protected forests.
5	Whether the afforestation cost was paid by the user agency	Yes
6	If yes, the amount paid	Rs. 18,14,435.0(inclusive of CA and NPV)
7	Whether the amount paid was deposited in separate fund and was utilized in addition to the normal funds for forestry operation (give details)	Yes. Transferred to CAMPA Corporation Bank A/C No. 150731991936022(UTR No. VIJBH18158031313) Dated 07.06.2018
8	Details of plantation raised:	
a)	Species planted	<i>Holoptelia intigrifolia, Butea monosperma, Sizigium sps, Cassia fistula, Cordia sps.</i>
	Area in Ha.	1.645
	Year	2022-23
	Expenditure	
b)	If compensatory plantation not made, the reasons for the lapse	
c)	Condition of plantation	Good
9	Remarks: It should be mentioned that the	CA land is not demarcated and no fencing is carried out. As the area is having encroachment, forests department should do proper fencing and demarcation in field.

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plantations are identifiable as specifically related to the project.	
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PART-III

(Planting of dwarf trees in case of transmission line)

1	Number of trees planted	Not applicable
2	Species	
3	Year of planting	
4	Expenditure paid by	
5	Present condition of plantation	

PART-IV

(Reclamation of the area worked under mining/quarrying)

- 1 Mining/quarrying work completed NA
- 2 Reclamation work done
- 3 Present condition of the area worked/reclaimed.

PART-V

(Conditions stipulated by the Government of India other than mentioned above)

Sl. No	<u>Nature of the terms/conditions</u>	<u>Actions taken by the State Government</u>
1	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status not changed
2	The boundary of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mtrs at the cost of User agency	Not demarcated
3	The compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 1.645 ha. of non-forest land in Sy.No. 2B/2 of 61 in Gonal village, Hospet taluk, Bellary District at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of	Complied



	compensatory afforestation, if any.	
4	The Non-forest land for Compensatory afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within 6 months.	Proposal is sent to Government for declaring protected forests.
5	The additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated CAMPA Account.	Undertaking is given by UA
6	In order to safeguard Wildlife and free movement of wild animals during the night, transportation of ore through conveyor belt shall be restricted from sunrise to sunset.	This condition has been amended and corrigendum issued to operate for 24 hours.
7	Suitable soil moisture conservation measures and plantation of native herbs, scrubs, and trees shall be done on both sides of the conveyor belt up to a distance of 15 meters at the cost of user agency.	Complied
8	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.	Complied
9	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.645 ha. The Forest land shall be used only for the purpose for which it is diverted.	Complied
10	The approval is valid for a period of 30 years.	Complied
11	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.	Complied
12	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quick study to be undertaken through EMPRI, Bangalore regarding the efficacy/noise/pollution effects on the wildlife. 2. User Agency to undertake changes in the conditions if required subsequently to the study 3. The established yellow lamps near



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14	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018	-
15	The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations,	=



Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	
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PART-VI

(Conditions informed by the State Government in addition to the Government of India's conditions and other steps taken to preserve forest, wildlife and prevent soil erosion, etc)

Conditions/purposes

Action taken

NIL

PART-VII

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| 1 Whether any Committee has been formed for monitoring of the action on the conditions stipulated. | NIL |
| 2 If no, give reasons. If yes, give details of the Committee. | |
| 3 Reports of the monitoring committee, if any. | |

PART-VIII

1	Abstract reports of inspection of forest officers, if any.	Conveyor is running 24 hours. Reforestation in both sides of the conveyor belt is carried out by the User Agency in forest area. HEP sound proof/cover is established in conveyor belt in forest area.
2	Remarks of the DIGF in regard to progress of the action on the stipulated conditions.	CA is not demarcated and no fencing is established. As the area is having encroachment forests department should do proper fencing and demarcation in field.
3	Effect of the project on forests and wildlife.	The project may have negative impact on wildlife. UA has informed that study to be undertaken through EMPRI, Bangalore regarding the efficacy/noise/pollution effects on the wildlife is undergoing. Study may be completed at the earliest and mitigation



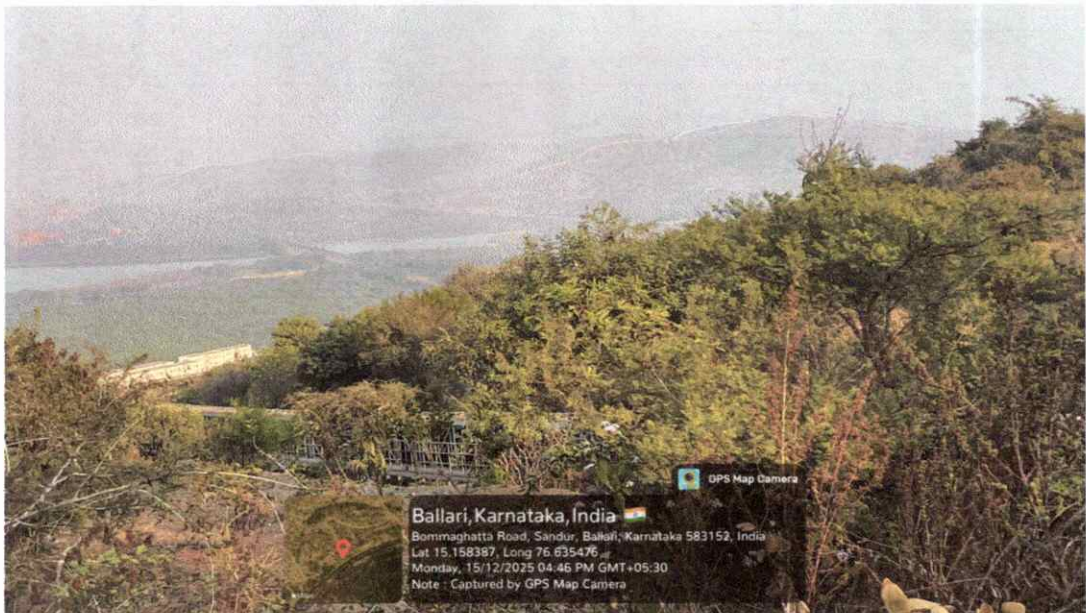
		measures should be followed meticulously.
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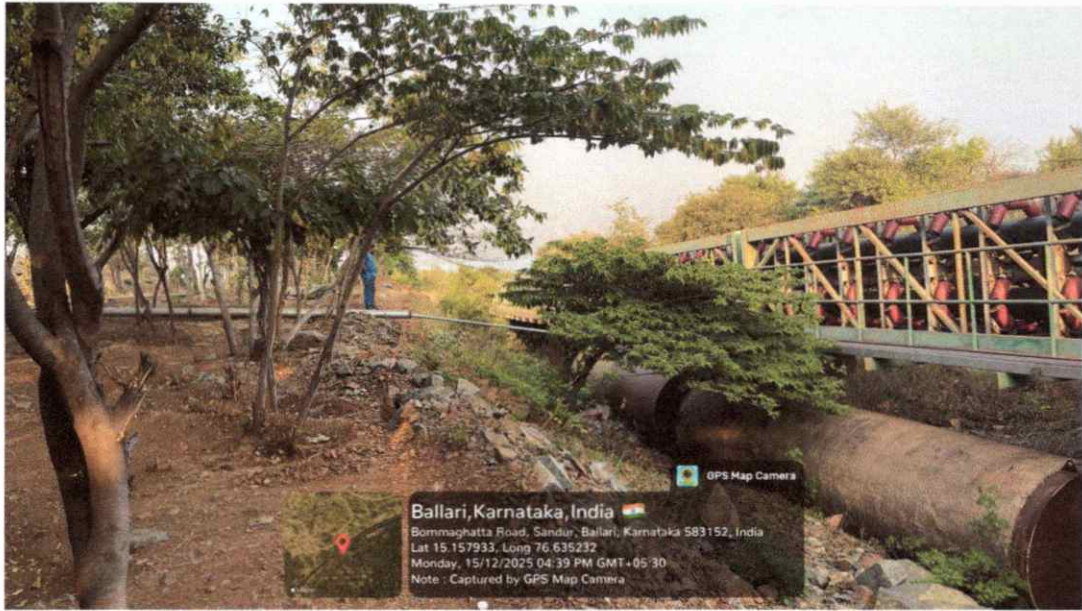
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	Name and Designation of Inspecting Officer:	Yasodha K, IFS, DIGF(Central)
	Date of Inspection:	15.12.2025
	Date of submission of report:	18.12.2025

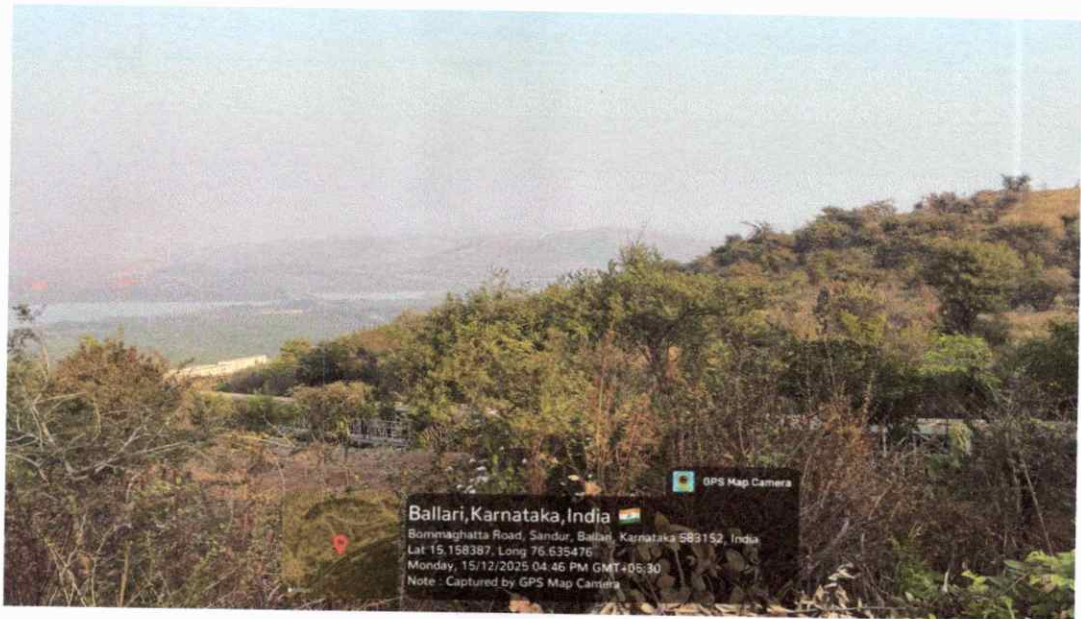
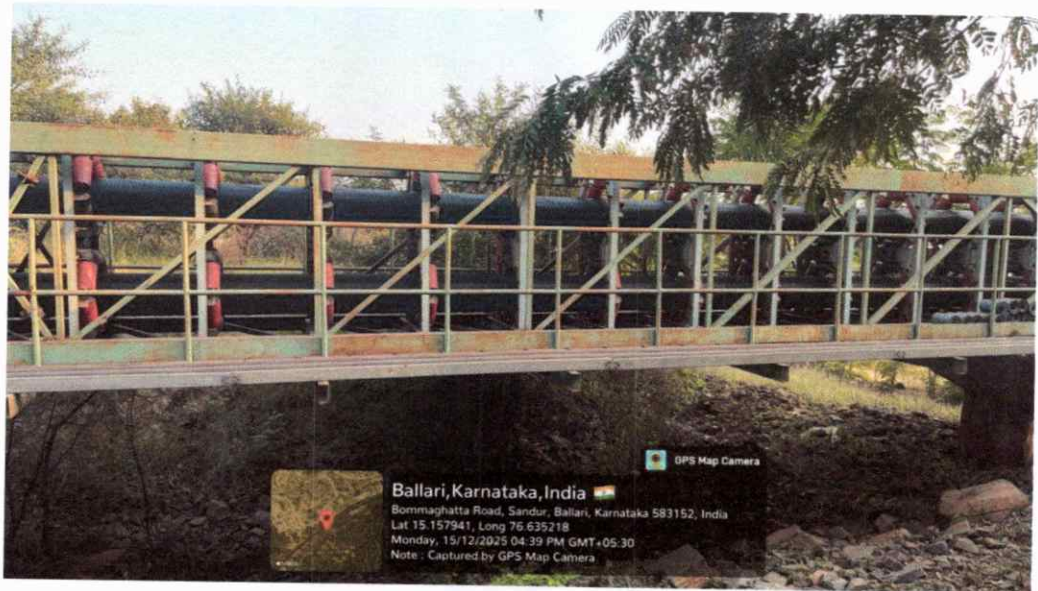
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