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

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Dated: 1st January, 2025

To

The Principle Secretary (Forests)
Government of Karnataka
Bangaluru

Subject: Extension of dispensation of one year Working Permission granted to Category C mines to Category A and B Mines in the State of Karnataka – reg. (F. No. 11/76/2023-FC)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the State Government of Karnataka's letter No.FEE 54 FFM 2024 (c) dated 01.08.2024 on the above subject requesting MoEF&CC to consider extension of guidelines given under Para 7.4 (vi) (b) for the Category 'C' to Category A and B Mines and to inform that the matter was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 14.10.2024. Detailed minutes of the said meeting may be accessed on the website of this Ministry at <https://parivesh.nic.in/>.

Based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and approval of the same by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government hereby clarifies that given the various initiatives undertaken by the Ministry for streamlining and authorising the States to transfer approvals granted to erstwhile lessee to new lessee, there is no requirement of formulating a general policy of working permission. However, cases, where the State Government is of the view that new lessee may be allowed to continue mining operations within the already broken up area for a limited period, the same may be forwarded to the Central Government, along with updated status of compliance of conditions stipulated in the granted under the Adhiniyam, for taking further view on such cases based on its merit.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, State Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangaluru
2. The Dy. Director General Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at Bangaluru
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