



ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತು

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ಅ)	ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಅಕ್ರಮ ಗಣಿಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು; (ಜಿಲ್ಲಾವಾರು ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡುವುದು)	<p>ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ (ಸಿವಿಲ್) 562/2009 ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 18.04.2013 ರಂದು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಉನ್ನತಾಧಿಕಾರಸ್ಥ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸಿನಂತೆ, ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ, ವಿಜಯನಗರ, ತುಮಕೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು 166 ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು A, A1, B, B1 ಮತ್ತು C ವರ್ಗಗಳೆಂದು ವಿಂಗಡಿಸಿರುತ್ತದೆ.</p> <p>➤ A ಮತ್ತು A1 ಗಣಿಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳು ಯಾವುದೇ ಅತಿಕ್ರಮಣ/ಅತ್ಯಲ್ಪ ಗಣಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಒತ್ತುವರಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಇವುಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 46</p> <p>➤ B ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳು 10% Pit ಅತಿಕ್ರಮಣ ಮತ್ತು 15% Dump ಅತಿಕ್ರಮಣದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ ಇವುಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 62.</p> <p>ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ಕೆಲವು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಧಿಸಿ ಗಣಿಗಾರಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಲು ಅನುಮತಿಸಿರುತ್ತದೆ.</p> <p>➤ B1 ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳು ಅಂತರರಾಜ್ಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಗಣಿ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆ ಸ್ಥಗಿತಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇವುಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 07.</p> <p>➤ C ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳು 10% ಗಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು Pit ಅತಿಕ್ರಮಣ ಮತ್ತು 15% ಗಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು Dump ಅತಿಕ್ರಮಣದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಇವುಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 51.</p> <p>ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 562/2009 ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 18.04.2013 ರಂದು 51 C ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸಿ ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಲೇ ಮಾಡಲು ಅದೇಶಿಸಿದ್ದು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.07.2015 ರಂದು C ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಲೇ ಮಾಡಲು ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಕ್ರಮ ವಹಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 C ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಲೇ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 C ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅವಧಿ ಮುಗಿದ / ಹೊಸ ಪ್ರದೇಶದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಯೋಜಿಸಿ ಹೊಸ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್‌ನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಿ ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಲೇ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. • 3 C ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅವಧಿ ಮುಗಿದ / ಹೊಸ ಪ್ರದೇಶದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಯೋಜಿಸಿ ಹೊಸ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್‌ನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಿ ಹರಾಜಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡಿಸಲು ಕ್ರಮ ವಹಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. • ಸದರಿ ಆದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ 9 C ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿಮೆ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣವಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಗಣಿಗಾರಿಕೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಸಾಧುವಲ್ಲದ ಕಾರಣ ಹರಾಜಿನಿಂದ ಕೈಬಿಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಒಂದು ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಅವಧಿ ಮುಗಿದ / ಹೊಸ ಪ್ರದೇಶದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಯೋಜಿಸಿ ಹೊಸ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಯೋಜಿಸಿರುತ್ತದೆ. • ಒಂದು C ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಪ್ರಕರಣವು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಕಿ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. • 13 C ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹರಾಜಿಗೆ ಯೋಗ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹರಾಜಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡಿಸಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. <p style="text-align: center;">ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಬಂಧ-1ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.</p>
ಆ)	<p>ಈ ಅಕ್ರಮ ಗಣಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಸ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ವರ್ಗಾಯಿಸಲು (FAC) ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಲಹಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ; ಬಂದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಅದರ ಆದೇಶ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡುವುದು;</p>	<p>ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರಿಸರ, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಹವಾಮಾನ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಂತ್ರಾಲಯ (Forest Conservation Division) ದ ಪತ್ರ ದಿನಾಂಕ 21.09.2023 ರಂತೆ, ಸದರಿ ಹರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುವ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು ಪಾಲನೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಗಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಖನಿಜ (ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ) ಕಾಯ್ದೆ, 1957 ರಂತೆ ಹರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲಾದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಅವಧಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಗಣಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪತ್ರದ ಅವಧಿಯನ್ನು ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪತ್ರ ಪಡೆಯದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪತ್ರ ಪಡೆದ ನಂತರ ಗಣಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಮತಿಸಿ ಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅರಣ್ಯ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿನ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು ಪಾಲನೆ ಮಾಡದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಧಿಸಿ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಗಣಿ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆ ಗಳನ್ನು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಗಳಂತೆ ಅನುಮತಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.</p> <p>ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರಿಸರ, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಹವಾಮಾನ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಂತ್ರಾಲಯದ ಪತ್ರ ದಿನಾಂಕ 21.09.2023ರ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಅನುಬಂಧ-2 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.</p>
ಇ)	<p>(FAC) ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಲಹಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಅನುಮತಿಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅಕ್ರಮ ಗಣಿಗಳನ್ನು</p>	<p>ಅರಣ್ಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ 09 "ಸಿ" ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಲೇಪಡಿಸಿ, ಹೊಸ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಅಮಲ್ಗಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಅನುಮತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ.</p> <p>ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಆದೇಶದ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಅನುಬಂಧ -3 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.</p>

<p>ಹೊಸ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ; (ಗಣಿ ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡುವುದು)</p>	<p>ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಬಂಧ-4 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.</p>
<p>ಈ) ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೀಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಆದಾಯವೆಷ್ಟು?</p>	<p>ಅರಣ್ಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ 09 "ಸಿ" ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಲೇವಾರಿಸಲಾದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳಿಂದ ಬಿಡ್ಡ್ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ಮೊತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾರು ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ Value Of Mineral Dispatch (VMD) ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಜಧನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಬಂಧ - 5ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.</p> <p>ಮೇಲಿನ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಅರಣ್ಯೇತರ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಗಣಿಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ ಉಳಿದ 08 "ಸಿ"ವರ್ಗದ ಗಣಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಅಂದಾಜು ₹ 110 ಕೋಟಿಗಳ ರಾಜಸ್ವವನ್ನು ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿದೆ.</p>

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CEC CATEGORISED MINING LEASE LIST

Sl.No	Name of lease	District	Category	ML No.	Lease Area (ha)
1	Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Ltd.	Bellary	A	2580	1863.02
2	NMDC	Bellary	A	1111	647.5
3	NMDC	Bellary	A	2396	608
4	Tiffin Barytes asbestos and Paints Ltd	Bellary	A	2293	191.13
5	Mysore Minerals Ltd (Thimmappanagudi)	Bellary	A	2605	136.97
6	M.Srinuvasalu	Bellary	A	2552	134
7	Mineral Enterprises ltd	Chilradurga	A	2.346	103.81
8	Sri Allum Prashanth	Bellary	A	2352	69.64
9	B.Kumaragouda	Bellary	A	2516	54.25
10	Nadeem Minerals	Bellary	A	2526	53.2
11	Veerabhadrapha Sangappa and Company	Bellary	A	2296	51
12	Zeenath Transport Co.	Bellary	A	2547	50
13	P.Balasubbasetty & sons	Bellary	A	2502	44.11
14	E.Ramamurthy(R.Pravenchandra)	Chilradurga	A	2294	42.6
15	Lakshmi Inerals	Bellary	A	2551	22.26
16	Karnataka Limpo	Tumkur	A	2028	16.19
17	Varalakshmi Mining Company	Bellary	A	2611	10.66
18	V.N.K.Menon	Bellary	A	2543	10
19	Mysore Minerals(Harishankar)	Bellary	A	1754	6.07
20	H.P.Manjunath	Bellary	A	699	3.03
21	G.J.Kumar	Chilradurga	A	2499	1.34
22	Sandur Magenese &. Iron Ores Ltd	Bellary	A	2581	142.58
23	A.M. Minerals +	Bellary	A(1)	2278	5.00
24	ALLUM KARIBASAPPA +	Bellary	A(1)	1893	56.77
25	Ranghad Mines & Mining L Td (Old Lease of Dalmia Mines, Not Operational	Bellary	A(1)	2010	331.44
26	Shanthi priya minerals pvt l td	Bellary	A(1)	2540	80.97
27	R.B. S.S.N.DAS	Bellary	A(1)	2524	76.09
28	Allum Prashanth (Sanjeevarayana Kote)	Bellary	A(1)	2289	42.91
29	R.B. S.S.N.DAS	Bellary	A(1)	2576	31.56
30	KMMI	Bellary	A(1)	2075/ 1799	199.43
31	Mvsore Minerals Ltd.	Bellary	A(1)	1710	
32	Sree Marketing Corporation	Bellary	A(1)	1611	10.52
33	Sri Vonti Chanappa	Bellary	A(1)	1940	2.17
34	Sri Vonti Chanappa	Bellary	A(1)	1941	
35	Gadagi Minerals Mining Co.	Bellary	A(1)	1031	50.29
36	Sri V Narayanakutii Menon	Bellary	A(1)	1715	1.62

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37	Srinivasa Minerals	Bellary	A(1)	1933	6.66
38	M. Lingogi Rao	Bellary	A(1)	1168	16.19
39	V. S. Sugunaraj	Bellary	A(1)	1779	6.07
40	G, Shapee Sab	Bellary	A(1)	2555	56.66
41	Goa Sponge & Power	Chitradurga	A(1)	2658	10.87
42	S.V.Basavaraj	Chitradurga	A(1)	2599	16.19
43	Shreesha Enterprises Pvt L To	Chitradurga	A(1)	2665	16.19
44	R.Praveenchandra	Chitradurga	A(1)	2661	122.22
45	Mineral Enterprises	Chitradurga	A(1)	2517	12.87
46	'Canara Minerals	Chitradurga	A(1)	2630	24.50
47	Gavisiddeshwara Enterprises (H.K. Thimi. Wlna)	Bellary	B	80 2469	60.67
48	Vlbhuthigudda Mines Pvt Ltd				
49	Muncer Enterprises"	Bellary	B	2339 /2151	38.42
50	Mineral Syndicates	Bellary	B	2320	2.12
51	Sri K. Brahmananda	Bellary	B	1626	80.94
52	Ashwathanarayan Singh And Co	Bellary	B	2531	56.50
53	K. M. Parvathamma	Bellary	B	2514	24.91
54	P. Venganashetty & Brothers	Bellary	B	2587	50.00
55	Mysore Minerals Limited	Bellary	B	1659	51.73
56	Auro Minerals	Bellary	B	1751	31.00
57	Gogga Gurushrntaya Brothers	Bellary	B	2520	15.10
58	V. Venkatesulu	Bellary	B	2368	56.74
59	Lakshmi Minerals	Bellary	B	2545	36.43
60	H. G. Rangan Gouda	Bellary	B	2549	54.64
61	Hr Gaviyappa	Bellary	B	2483	34.00
62	J.M.Vrushabendraiah	Bellary	B	2292	4.85
63	Veerabhadrapha Srngapparnd Company	Bellary	B	2160	18.82
64	Chowgule & Company Ltd	Bellary	B	2546	100.00
65	Shanthalaxmi Jayaram	Bellary	B	922	55.12
66	S.V. Srinivasulu	Bellary	B	2604	149.73
67	R.Charuchandra	Bellary	B	2544	45.00
68	Kumaraswamy Mining Co	Bellary	B	2087	25.51
69	M.Hanumantharao	Bellary	B	2505	40.47
70	Narayana Mines Pvt Ltd	Bellary	B	1602	109.21
71	K. R. Kaviraj	Bellary	B	2561	34.41
72	Gadagi Minerals Mining Co.	Bellary	B	2489	39.63
73	Gogga Gurushantaiah & Brothers	Bellary	B	2522	42.90

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74	Gogga Gurushantaiah & Bros.	Bellary	B	2586	15.10
75	V. Narayana Kutti Menon (Marwa)	Bellary	B	2482	22.45
76	Sri Kumarswamy Mineral Exports	Bellary	B	2141	60.80
77	Ramgad Minerals Mining Co.	Bellary	B	2593	20.23
78	Mspl Ltd	Bellary	B	2416	347.22
79	Mysore Minerals Ltd	Bellary	B	2629	80.93
80	H. N. Premkumar	Bellary	B	2538	19.15
81	Balaji Mines And Minerals	Bellary	B	1311/25 64	22.66
82	N. Sheik Ksab	Bellary	B	2572	15.00
83	Kn. Srinivasa	Bellary	B	2654	10.13
84	Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt Ltd	Bellary	B	2595	36.30
85	Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt Ltd	Bellary	B	2594	196.46
86	R. Pampapathy	Bellary	B	1806	182.45
87	Garudadhriimpex Pvt L To	Chitradurga	B	2583	21.44
88	Sesagoa	Chitradurga	B	2236	163.50
89	Y. Susheelamma (Legal Of Lale O.S Iwappa)	Chitradurga	B	2626/26 39	40.47
90	"Canara Minerals	Chitradurga	B	2656	26.30
91	Raghavendra Rao (Janlhakal Enterprises Ltd.)	Chitradurga	B	593	80.94
92	T.V. Channanya Settappa (Tven Brothers)	Tumkur	B	511	25.10
93	Sri B.K.R.N.Singh (Kamala Bai)	Tumkur	B	1508	24.28
94	Sri M Upendran	Tumkur	B	1957	44.92
95	Gahapathi Minerlas	Tumkur	B	2074	7.79
96	Bharat Ores And Chemicals	Tumkur	B	2118	72.87
97	Tumkur Minarals [Noor Ahmed)	Tumkur	B	2175	64.75
98	Balaji Produce Company'	Tumkur	B	2208	75.48
99	Rameshwara Minerals B.R. Shna Kumar Singh)"	Tumkur	B	2319	46.14
100	Karnataka Minerals Deepchahd Kis, Lanlal)	Tumkur	B	2333	129.69
101	Jyothi Minerals [Brothers)	Tumkur	B	2363	40.46
102	Gahapathi Singh Sankeshwar) Kamalabai.	Tumkur	B	2570	10.53
103	Sri Hahuman Singh"	Tumkur	B	2220	83.80
104	Mineral Enterprises	Chitradurga	B	2596	63.07
105	Mineral Enterprises		B	2388	
106	"Zeenath Transport Company	Bellary	B	2309	105.29
107	Zeenath Transport Company	Bellary	B	2239	
108	Sa Thwab	Bellary	B	2488	

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Sl.No	Name of lease	District	Category	ML No.	Lease Area (ha)
109	T. Narayan Reddy	Bellary	B1	2527	37.83
110	N. Rathnaiah	Bellary	B1	670	14.16
111	Hind Traders	Bellary	B1	2548	19.63
112	Mehaboob Transport Company	Bellary	B1	2568	16.19
113	Vibhuthi Gudda Mines Private Ltd	Bellary	B1	2542	137.00
114	Suggamma Gudda Mining & Co	Bellary	B1	2541	10.12
115	Bellary Mining Corporation	Bellary	B1	2651	15.80
116	J.M. Vrishabendrayya	Bellary	C	2173	3.36
117	Veeyam Pvt Ltd	Bellary	C	2615	20.23
118	Ambika Ghorpade	Bellary	C	2354	4.95
119	Mysore Manganese Company	Chitradurga	C	2603	3.24
120	Hothur Traders	Bellary	C	2313	21.11
121	M.Dasharatha Rami Reddy	Chitradurga	C	2560	19.95
122	Bharat Mines And Minerls	Bellary	C	2245	26.20
123	Associated Mining	Bellary	C	2434	10.12
124	B.R Yogindranath Singh	Bellary	C	2186	13.00
125	Latha Mining Co. (D. Narayana)	Tumkur	C	958	4.05
126	Canara Minerals	Tumkur	C	2635	11.34
127	Thangavelu &Others	Chitradurga	C	2585	60.70
128	Trident Mining Company (Srimati M.P. Nagamma)	Bellary	C	1732	5.26
129	Sri. N. Manzoor Ahmed	Bellary	C	1324	15.97
130	Smt Kamala Bai #	Tumkur	C	1442	13,45
131	Sudarshan Singh (Mahalakshmi Minerals)	Tumkur	C	2579	8.09
132	Ramgad Miners And Mining Pvt Ltd	Bellary	C	2451	24.28
133	Trident Minerals	Bellary	C	2315	32.27
134	Allum Veerabhadrapa	Chitradurga	C	2436	28.07
135	Kanhayalal Dudheria	Bellary	C	2563	30.76
136	Adarsha Enterprises	Bellary	C	2369	3.03

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137	Matha Minerals	Tumkur	C	1975/ 2600	129.50
138	S.B. Minerals	Bellary	C	2393	40.47
139	Karnataka Limpo	Tumkur	C	2650	6.07
140	Anjana Minerals	Chitradurga	C	2519	4.55
141	Deccan Mining Syndicate (P) Ltd	Bellary	C	2525	19.02
142	P Abubakar	Bellary	C	2183	14.00
143	Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company	Bellary	C	2487	105.22
144	Kamala Bai	Tumkur	C	2187	23.47
145	Mysore Stone Ware Pipes And Polteries (P) Ltd	Tumkur	C	2521	122.72
146	Tejawork	Tumkur	C	2353	4.85
147	Rajapura Mines	Bellary	C	2190	93.74
148	H.G. Rangangowda	Bellary	C	2148	60.70
149	Nidhi Mining Pvt Ltd.	Bellary	C	2433	31.84
150	S.B.Minerals	Bellary	C	2550	44.52
151	Milana Minarals (Lakshmi & Co.)	Tumkur	C	1842	99.56
152	Deep Chand Kishanlal	Tumkur	C	2348	125.45
153	Thungabhadra Mineralas Ltd	Bellary	C	2365	159.55
154	Thungabhadra Mineralas Ltd	Bellary	C	2366	159.55
155	M.Srinnasulu	Chitradurga	C	2631	74.66
156	M.Channakeshava Reddy (Sri Lakshmi Narashimha Mining Co	Chitradurga	C	2566	7.85
157	Spark Line Mining Corporation	Bellary	C	2567	4.86
158	Mineral Miners And Traders	Bellary.	C	2185A	46.13
159	Mysore Minerals Ltd	Bellary.	C	995	33.60
160	V.S Lad & Sons	Bellary.	C	2290	105.06
161	Karthikeyas Manganese	Bellary.	C	2559	27.23
162	G Rajshekar	Tumkur	C	2229	129.49
163	Rama Rao Paol	Bellary	C	2621	28.34

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Sl.No	Name of lease	District	Category	ML No.	Lease Area (ha)
164	Smt Razia Khanum	Chitradurga	C	2557/ 1575	107.30
165	S.B. Minerals	Bellary	C	2515	80.92
166	Shanthalakshmi Jaya Ram	Bellary	C	921/ 2553	50.47

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: 21st September, 2023

To

The Addl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries (Forests),
All States/ Union Territory Administrations.

Sub: Transfer of approvals granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to mining leases allotted to new lessee as per the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2020 & 2021

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter no.no. KFD/HoFF/A5-1(Misc)/08/2021-FC dated 30.08.2023 on the above subject requesting Ministry to consider transfer of forest clearance in favour of successful bidders at MoEF&CC level for the auctioned 'C' Category mines in accordance with the provisions of the guidelines dated 7.07.2021. In this connection, it is to inform that matter has been considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 11th September, 2023. Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee may be perused at <https://parivesh.nic.in>.

Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and approval of the same by the competent authority in the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government reviewed the matter in light of directions contained in the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 30.07.2015 passed in W.P. (C) No. 562 of 2009 and order dated 4.08.2006 passed in W.P. (C) No. 202 of 1995. The mining operations in Category C mines were stopped by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and subsequently after their auction to successful bidders, the Hon'ble Supreme Court issued directions containing procedures to resume mining operations in these leases. After an holistic review of the situation and based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby issues the following guidelines:

- i. Approval granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to erstwhile user agency may be transferred by the Ministry in favour of the successful bidder in MoEF&CC, New Delhi on case to case basis in accordance with the provisions of the MoEF&CC's guidelines dated 7.07.2021. The State Government while submitting such proposals for transfer of approval to the Ministry shall submit the updated status and detail of compensatory afforestation, status of payment of NPV, implementation of Reclamation and Rehabilitation Plan, funds utilization by the Special Purpose Vehicle for the conservation and protection of forests, action taken report on the violations of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 committed by the erstwhile agency and status of approval of the forest land located in the safety zone.
- ii. In respect of mining leases where application of transfer of approval was

made in time and the Ministry considered the transfer request but the validity of FC approval was assessed from the date of original period of grant of lease while the successful bidder has been issued fresh Lol for a period of 50 years. In such cases, the ex-post facto approval will be granted by the MoEF&CC for extending the validity of approval granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to make it co-terminus with the validity of lease granted under the MMDR Act, 1957 provided compliance of all conditions stipulated in the FC approval granted to erstwhile agency including raising of CA and payment of NPV are complied with by the State and the user agency. In case of non-compliances, if any, the working permission with conditions for a period not exceeding one year will be granted by the Central Government to enable the State/user agency to comply with the conditions of approval granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as per the extant guidelines issued by the Ministry.

- iii. In case the State Government/user agency fails to submit the complete compliance of conditions stipulated in the approval granted to erstwhile agency within a period of one year, the approval of the Central Government granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be deemed to be cancelled.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

Signed by

Charan Jeet Singh

Date: 21-09-2023 16:51:07

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(Charan Jeet Singh)

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Copy to:

1. The PCCF, All States/ Union Territories Administration.
2. The Regional Officer, All Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC
3. The Nodal Officer(FCA), O/o the PCCF, All States/ Union territories Administration.
4. Monitoring Cell of Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
5. Guard file



Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Sub: Transfer of FC approval from erstwhile lessee M/s Bharath Mines & Minerals (ML No. 2245), Nandihalli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District to M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanrao Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune, the successful bidder in e-auction conducted by Department of Mines and Geology.

- Read:**
1. Letter No. KFD/HOEF/A5-1(MNG)/60/2018-FC, Date: 16-07-2019 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru.
 2. Letter No. FEE 20 FFM 2019(e), Dated: 23-10-2019 of the Government of Karnataka.
 3. Letter No. F.No. 8-63/2000-FC, Dated: 22-01-2020 of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.

Preamble:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru vide letter read at (1) above has submitted the proposal for the transfer of FC approval from erstwhile lessee M/s Bharath Mines & Minerals (ML No. 2245), Nandihalli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District to M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanrao Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune, the successful bidder in e-auction conducted by Department of Mines and Geology under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The said proposal was forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide letter read at (2) above with a recommendation to transfer FC approval from erstwhile lessee M/s Bharath Mines & Minerals (ML No. 2245), Nandihalli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District to M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanrao Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune, the successful bidder in e-auction conducted by Department of Mines and Geology.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide letter read at (3) has conveyed its approval for the transfer of said FC transfer by stipulating certain conditions.

The proposal has been examined in detail and hence the order.

Government Order No. FEE 20 FFM 2019 (e), Bengaluru,

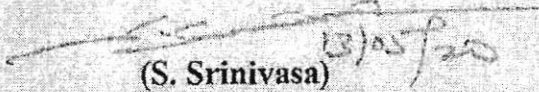
Dated: 13-05-2020

In the circumstances as explained in the preamble above, the Government is pleased to Transfer of FC approval from erstwhile lessee M/s Bharath Mines & Minerals (ML No. 2245), Nandihalli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District to M/s Kirloskar

Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanrao Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune, the successful bidder in e-auction conducted by Department of Mines and Geology subject to fulfillment of the following conditions: -

- (i) An application from the concerned State/Union Territory Government along with an undertaking from the new User Agency shall be submitted.
- (ii) The new User Agency shall undertake to abide by all conditions on which diversion of forest land was approved in favour of the previous User Agency.
- (iii) Lease transfer charges @ 10% of the NPV or Rs. 1,00,000/- (One Lakh Rupees) whichever is less will be realized from the new User Agency and will be deposited in the account of CAMPA, through e-portal before execution of lease in favour of the new User Agency.
- (iv) The new User Agency shall pay the NPV as per the approval granted under FC Act if not paid earlier. The new User Agency shall also furnish an undertaking to pay the additional NPV, if so determined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (v) The new User Agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated by Central Government / Regional Office / State Government in future in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife.
- (vi) The State Government and the User Agency shall comply with provisions of the All Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines and Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (vii) The validity of the existing approval granted under FCA, 1980 vide letter No. 8-63/2000-FC, dated 20-03-2001 shall be valid up to 31-03-2020.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka


(S. Srinivasa)

Under Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Forest-C)

To:

^{13/05/2020}
The Nodal Officer, e-Gazette, Forest, Environment and Ecology Department.

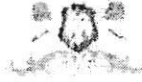
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Corrigendum

In the Government Order No. FEE 20 FFM 2019 (e), dated 13-05-2020, the condition number (vii) in order portion shall be substituted and read as below:-

"The validity of the existing approval granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be valid upto 05-04-2021".

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka

(Handwritten signature)
Dated: 27/01/2021

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(S. Srinivasa)

27/01/2021

Under Secretary to Government

Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Forest-C)

To:

The Nodal Officer. ^{Vr} e-Gazette, Forest, Environment and Ecology Department.

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28/08/2017

Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Subject: Transfer of Forest Clearance for diversion of 32.68 hectares (instead of 33.97 ha. as granted originally) in respect of Category 'C' Mining Lease No. 2366 from erstwhile lessee M/s. Tungabhadra Mineral Ltd, M.L.No.2366 to the successful bidder i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Ltd.

- Read:**
- 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore Letter No. A5(1).MNG.CR.47/2016-17, dt.d 24.04.2017.
 - 2) Government of Karnataka Letter No. FEE 34 FFM 2017, dtd.22.05.2017.
 - 3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore Letter No. A5(1).MNG.CR.47/2016-17, dtd: 12.07.2017.
 - 4) Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change Letter No. F.No.8-112/2000-FC. dt. 18.08.2017.

P r e a m b l e :

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore vide their letter read at (1) had submitted a proposal for Transfer of Forest Clearance of diversion of 32.68 hectares (instead of 33.97 ha. as granted originally) in respect of Category 'C' Mining Lease No. 2366 from erstwhile lessee M/s. Tungabhadra Mineral Ltd, M.L.No.2366 to the successful bidder i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. subject to certain conditions.

After verification and examination, the proposal was recommended by Government of Karnataka and it was forwarded to Government of India. Government letter read at (2) above.

After careful examination of the proposal in accordance with para 2.8 of the Guidelines read with the Guidelines dated 03.05.2010 and 03.05.2017 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for transfer of approval granted by the Central

Government, the Central Government hereby conveyed its approval for Transfer of Forest Clearance for diversion of 32.68 hectares (instead of 33.97 ha. as granted originally) in respect of Category 'C' Mining Lease No. 2366 from erstwhile lessee M/s. Tungabhadra Mineral Ltd, M.L. No.2366 to the successful bidder i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Ltd subject to certain conditions.

Government Order No. FEE 34 FFM 2015, Bengaluru,

Dated: 28/08/2017

In the circumstances as explained in the preamble above, Government is pleased to accord approval under para 2.8 of the Guidelines read with the Guidelines dated 03.05.2010 and 03.05.2017 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the transfer of Forest Clearance of diversion of 32.68 hectares (instead of 33.97 ha. as granted originally) in respect of Category 'C' Mining Lease No. 2366 from erstwhile lessee M/s. Tungabhadra Mineral Ltd, M.L.No.2366 to the successful bidder i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Ltd.

- i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) The State Govt. shall ensure that the compensatory afforestation over the non-forest land equal in extent to the non-broken up forest land being diverted shall be raised by the State Forest Department within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of transfer of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan from the funds provided by the user agency.
- iii) The State Govt, nor the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change will not be liable to pay any compensation or refund compensatory levies deposited in Adhoc CAMPA fund to the erstwhile lease holder in category 'C' mine.
- iv) Following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department.
 - a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three year with effect from the transfer of Stage-II Clearance in consultation with the State Forest Department.

- b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme.
- c) Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme.
- d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28 degree and
- c) No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.
- v) The non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department.
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- ix) Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under.

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- xxv) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry, State Government and PCCF may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.
- xxvi) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- xxvii) Compliance to all the conditions imposed by the Government of India vide letter No. 8-11/2000-FC, dated 08/09-01-2001.

xxviii) Compliance to all the conditions imposed by the Government of Karnataka vide letter No. FEE-86 FFM-2000, Bengaluru dated: 17.02.2001.

xxix) User agency has to comply to the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in IA No. 188, 225, 230 in IA No.188, IA Nos. 237, 238, 239, 240 & 244 in Writ Petition No. 562/2009 on 30.07.2015 in respect of auction of the Category 'C' Mines.

By order and in the name of the
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(S.NARAYANAPPA)

Joint Secretary to Government,

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Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Subject: Transfer of Forest Clearance for diversion of renewal of 21.03 ha (originally 21.11 ha) of Forest land in respect of Category 'C' Mining Lease No. 2313 from erstwhile lessee M/s. Hothur Traders, M.L.No.2313 to the successful bidder i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Ltd.

- Read:**
- 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore Letter No. A5(1).MNG.CR.48/2016-17, dt:06.05.2017.
 - 2) Government of Karnataka Letter No. FEE 38 FFM 2017, dt:09.06.2017.
 - 3) Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change Letter No. F.No.8-323/1989-FC, dt. 12.09.2017.

P r e a m b l e :

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore vide their letter read at (1) had submitted a proposal for Transfer of Forest Clearance of 21.03 ha (originally 21.11 ha) of Forest land in respect of Category 'C' Mining Lease No. 2313 from erstwhile lessee M/s. Hothur Traders, M.L.No.2313 to the successful bidder i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. subject to certain conditions.

After verification and examination, the proposal was recommended by Government of Karnataka and it was forwarded to Government of India, vide Government of Karnataka letter dated: 09.06.2017 read at (2) above.

After careful examination of the proposal in accordance with para 2.8 of the Guidelines of the transfer of lease read with the Guidelines dated 03.05.2010 and 03.05.2017 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for transfer of approval granted by the Central Government. The Central Government has conveyed its approval for Transfer of Forest Clearance for diversion of 21.03 ha (originally 21.11 ha) of Forest land in respect of Category 'C' Mining Lease No. 2313 from erstwhile lessee

M/s. Hothur Traders, M.L.No.2313 to the successful bidder i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. subject to certain conditions:

Government Order No. FFE 38 FFM 2017, Bengaluru,

Dated: 10/10/2017

In the circumstances as explained in the preamble above, Government is pleased to accord approval as per para 2.8 of the Guidelines read with the Guidelines dated 03.05.2010 and 03.05.2017 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the transfer of Forest Clearance for 21.03 ha (originally 21.11 ha) of Forest land in respect of Category 'C' Mining Lease No. 2313 from erstwhile lessee M/s. Hothur Traders, M.L.No.2313 to the successful bidder i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Ltd.

- i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) The State Govt. shall ensure that the compensatory afforestation over the non-forest land equal in extent to the non-broken up forest land being diverted shall be raised by the State Forest Department within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of transfer of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan from the funds provided by the user agency.
- iii) The State Govt. may note that this Ministry will not be liable to pay any compensation or refund compensatory levies deposited in Adhoc CAMPA fund to the erstwhile lease holder in category 'C' mine.
- iv) The State Govt. of Karnataka shall constitute a committee immediately for assessment on the impact of mining in the whole or part of the Concession Area i.e. within 1 km of Archeological of survey of India protected monument Sri Kumarasamy and Sri Parvathi Temple, as per direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard, and the project proponent shall carry out mining operations as per assessment report of the said committee.
- v) The State Govt. shall ensure that the excess area of 0.50 hectares may be surrendered to State Forest Department.
- vi) The State Govt. shall take necessary action as per the extant rules of Govt. of India including Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Govt. of Karnataka for encroachment to an extent of 14.51 hectares as done by the old user agency outside the lease area.

vii) Following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department:-

- a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three year with effect from the transfer of Stage-II Clearance in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme.
- c) Construction of check dams, retention / toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme.
- d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28 degree and
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By order and in the name of the
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15/12/2018



Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Subject: Diversion of 100.54 ha of forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in M.L No.2290 of C-category mines in favour of M/s J.S.W Steel Ltd., Ballari.

- Read:**
- 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore's Letter No. A5(1).MNG.CR.82/2016-17, dt:24.11.2017.
 - 2) Government of Karnataka's Letter No. FEE 75 FFM 2017, dt:11.01.2018.
 - 3) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change's Letter No. F. No. 8-07/2018-FC dt:26.04.2018..
 - 4) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore's Letter No. A5(1).MNG.CR.82/2016-17, dt:22.10.2018.
 - 5) Government of Karnataka's Letter No. FEE 75 FFM 2017, dt:31.10.2018.
 - 6) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change's Letter No. F. No. 8-07/2018-FC dt:13.12.2018.

P r e a m b l e :

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore vide their letter read at (1) has submitted a proposal for diversion of 100.54 ha of forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in M.L No.2290 of C-category mines in favour of M/s J.S.W Steel Ltd., Ballari District subject to certain conditions.

After verification and examination, the proposal was forwarded to Government of India to accord sanction under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act,-1980 vide Government letter read at (2) above.

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The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi, vide their letter read at (3) has accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal subject to fulfillment of certain conditions and the same was communicated to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru with a direction to submit compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru vide their read at (4) has furnished the compliance report and the same was forwarded to the Government of India vide Government letter read at (5) above and it was requested to obtain the final approval of Government of India Under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act,-1980.

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi, vide their letter read at (6) has accorded and communicated its final approval (Stage-II) for the proposal Under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act,-1980 subject to certain conditions.

The same has been examined in detail and hence the following order.

Government Order No. FEE 75 FFM 2017, Bengaluru,

Dated: 15/12/2018

Under the circumstances explained in the preamble, approval is accorded under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act,-1980 for diversion of 100.54 ha of forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari district in M.L No.2290 of C-category mines in favour of M/s J.S.W Steel Ltd., Ballari District subject to following conditions:-

- i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) The user agency may use only 100.54 ha of forest land and the excess forest land of 21.17 ha diverted illegally be reverted back to the Forest department.
- iii) Compensatory afforestation of identified non-forest land shall be raised within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter as per approved plan by the Forest Department from the funds deposited in CAMPA account by the user agency. At-least 1000 plants per hectare shall be raised and if it is not possible to plant all these seedlings in the identified CA land, then

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the balance seedlings will be planted in any degraded Forest in the State as per prescription of working plan. In addition to this, the Forest Department shall carry out soil and moisture conservation (SMC) activities on the CA land from the funds deposited by the User Agency in CAMPA Account.

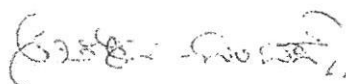
- iv) The Forest Department shall implement approved Plans/Schemes for Wildlife Conservation and Soil Moisture Conservation for Devadari Mine (ML.2290) from the funds deposited by the User Agency in CAMPA Account.
- v) The Forest Department shall ensure that the user agency shall complete the process of settlement of rights in favour of M/s J.S.W Steel Ltd, in accordance with provisions of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act,-2006.
- vi) The user Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- vii) The Forest clearance will be for a period of co-terminus with the lease period specified in the lease agreement.
- viii) The user agency shall implement the following approved activities/plans/schemes under the supervision of the Forest Department.
 - a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be initiated to be implemented within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the Forest Department.
 - b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme.
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 - d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 20 degree and
 - e) No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.

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- ix) The User Agency shall carry out mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer in accordance with Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and the concerned Regional Office MoEF & CC. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that, the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed.
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- xi) The user agency in consultation with the Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.
- xii) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- xiii) The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- xiv) The User agency shall carry out de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies, whenever required.
- xv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the proposal and the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no

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- circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
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- xvii) The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year.
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- xix) With regard to the safety zone, the User Agency shall pay the cost of afforestation charges in degraded forest as directed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.
- xx) User agency shall ensure that demarcation of boundary of diverted forest land, mining zone and safety zone (7.5 metre strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area), and its protection by erecting adequate number of 4 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the Forest Department.
- xxi) In case of mining leases adjoining the habitation stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease adjacent to the habitation /roads should be properly fenced by the user agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation /regeneration activities in the safety zone.
- xxii) Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around the mining lease and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration shall be taken in this area by the user agency at the project cost under the supervision of forest Department.
- xxiii) User agency either itself or through the Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), if any located in the area within 100 m from outer perimeter of the mining lease.
- xxiv) Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of over-burdens / dumps beyond diverted area and also to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities.



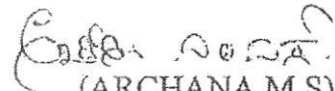
- xxv) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the Forest Department. .
- xxvi) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency in consultation with Forest Department shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, at the project cost.
- xxvii) The User agency should prepare a land surrender schedule specifying the year for surrendering the mined out and biologically-reclaimed forest land as per the mining plan and progressive mine closure plan and submit an undertaking that the biologically-reclaimed land will be handed over to the Forest Department as per this surrender schedule.
- xxviii) Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bengaluru.
- xxix) The user agency shall take up the de-silting of the village tanks within one km area from the mine lease boundary as a Corporate's social responsibility so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks if any.
- xxx) Adequate fire protection measures, including employment of fire watchers and maintenance of the fire line, etc, shall be undertaken by the user agency in and around the project area at its own cost.
- xxxii) The lessee shall not carry out any mining operation after 7.00 PM and before 6.00 AM.
- xxxiii) The Lessee shall strictly abide by the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and the Karnataka Forest Rules, 1969, the Karnataka Forest Manual, 1976 and other Rules and Regulations.
- xxxiv) If any dispute arises on the interpretation and implementation of above conditions and working difficulty, the matter will be referred to the Government and decision of the government shall be binding on both the parties.
- xxxv) Conservation plan for wildlife shall be prepared in consultation with Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle. The plan shall also consist

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of inbuilt monitoring and evaluation mechanism. The said plan shall be implemented at the project cost.

xxxvi) Any other conditions that the Government or the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office / Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests.

By order and in the name of the
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Under Secretary to Government,
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5. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.
6. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Bellary Circle, Bellary.
7. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Bellary Division, Bellary.
8. M/s JSW Steel Ltd, P.O. Vidyanagar, Toranagallu, Ballari District-283 275.

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F. No. 8-12/2018-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 15th May, 2019

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore

Sub: Diversion of 133.58 ha of forest land (Comprising of 130.53 ha for Iron Ore Mining in erstwhile ML No. 2365 of M/s Tungabhadra Mineral private Limited and 3.05 ha for approach road) in Donimalai Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. Toranagallu, Ballari District, Karnataka.

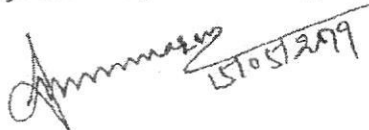
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 9 FFM 2018 dated 05.03.2018 on the above-mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of 133.58 ha of forest land (Comprising of 130.53 ha for Iron Ore Mining in erstwhile ML No. 2365 of M/s Tungabhadra Mineral private Limited and 3.05 ha for approach road) in Donimalai Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. Toranagallu, Ballari District, Karnataka was sought. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, *in-principle* approval for the diversion was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 22.06.2018 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions.

2. Further, with the approval of competent authority, the condition No.(viii) as stipulated in Stage-I clearance on 22.06.2018, which states that "State Government shall prepare a regional wild life management plan and user agency shall be asked to contribute to the regional wild life management plan in proportion to the area of mining lease falling within the designated region of wild life management plan. The contribution to the regional wild life management plan shall be different from site specific wild life management plan. The plan shall be approved by competent authority in the state", is hereby dropped.

3. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Karnataka vide their letter No. FEE 09 FFM 2018 dated 18.01.2019 and FEE 09 FFM 2018 dated 14.03.2019, **Stage-II/Final approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 133.58 ha of forest land (Comprising of 130.53 ha for Iron Ore Mining in erstwhile ML No. 2365 of M/s Tungabhadra Mineral private Limited and 3.05 ha for approach road) in Donimalai Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. Toranagallu, Ballari District, Karnataka subject to following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over identified non -forest land of 133.58 ha. ha and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified forest land. If it is not possible to plant that many saplings in the area identified


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for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance;

- (iii) The non-forest land of 133.58 ha. as transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified as reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the local Forest Act as the case may be, to this Ministry for information and record;
- (iv) State Government to ensure that the user agency shall implement a reclamation scheme for the area broken by erstwhile mine holder outside the mining lease;
- (v) State Government ensure that the approved wild life management plans and soil & moisture conservation plan/scheme shall be implemented by State Forest Department from the funds deposited by the user agency in CAMPA Account;
- (vi) State Government to ensure that the user agency shall comply all the conditions imposed by PCCF (HoFF) Karnataka in his forwarding letter No. A5(1) MNG.CR.02/2017-18 dated 20.01.2018;
- (vii) The State Government shall ensure that the process of settlement of rights has been completed in accordance with provisions of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006;
- (viii) The State Government shall ensure that the User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (ix) The Forest clearance will be for a period co-terminus with the lease period specified in the lease agreement;
- (x) ~~The State Govt. may note that this Ministry will not be liable to pay any compensation or refund compensatory levies deposited in Adhoc CAMPA fund to the erstwhile lease holder in category "C" mine;~~
- (xi) The State Government to ensure that the user agency shall implement the following activities/plans/schemes under the supervision of the State Forest Department:
 - (a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.
 - (b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;
 - (c) Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme;
 - (d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28° ; and
 - (e) No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.

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- (xii) The State Government shall ensure that the User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Addl. Director General (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;
- (xiii) The State Government shall ensure that the user agency shall implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF &CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones;
- (xiv) The State Government shall ensure that the user agency in consultation with the State Government shall implement the plan for alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project and birds nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.
- (xv) The State Government shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
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- (xvi) The State Government shall ensure that the User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (xvii) The State Govt. and the user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (xviii) The State Government shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xix) State Government shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- (xx) The State Govt. and the User agency shall ensure de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies, whenever required preferably within five years from the date of approval of Stage-II Clearance;
- (xxi) The State Government shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and the said forest land shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;


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- (xxii) State Government shall ensure that the no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- (xxiii) The State Government shall ensure that the User Agency shall submit the annual self - compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry every year;
- (xxiv) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry with the approval of competent authority may stipulate in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- (xxv) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

Yours faithfully,

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Addl. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File.

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
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Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Subject: Transfer of FC approval from erstwhile lessee M/s. Mysore Minerals Ltd (ML. No. 995) to the Preferred Bidder, viz., M/s J.S.W. Steel Ltd, Ubbalagundi Iron Ore Mine (32.89 ha.)-reg.

- Read:**
- 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Bengaluru's Letter No. A5(1).MNG.CR.17/ 2017-18, dt: 05.01.2019.
 - 2) Government Letter No. FEE 01 FFM 2019, dt: 25.01.2019.
 - 3) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (~~Regional Office's~~) Letter No. F. No. 4-KRC032/2004-BAN/334 dt: 27.05.2019.

PREAMBLE:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru vide their letter read at (1) had submitted a proposal for transfer of FC approval from erstwhile lessee M/s. Mysore Minerals Ltd (ML. No. 995) to the Preferred Bidder, viz., M/s J.S.W. Steel Ltd, Ubbalagundi Iron Ore Mine (32.89 ha.) subject to certain conditions.

After verification and examination, the proposal was forwarded to Government of India to accord sanction for transfer of Lease vide Government letter read at (2) above.

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), vide their letter read at (3) has accorded approval for transfer of F.C approval from erstwhile lessee M/s. Mysore Minerals Ltd (ML. No. 995) to the Preferred Bidder, viz., M/s J.S.W. Steel Ltd, Ubbalagundi Iron Ore Mine (32.89 ha.) subject to certain conditions.

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The same has been examined in detail and hence the following order.

**Government Order No. FEE 01 FFM 2019,
Bengaluru, Dated: 06/8/2019**

Under the circumstances explained in the preamble, approval is accorded for the transfer of Stage-1 approval dated 01.04.2005 and Stage-II approval dated: 15.05.2006 granted for diversion of 33.60 ha. of forest land for ML No. 995 for Ubbalagundi Iron Ore Mine in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District from M/s Mysore Minerals Ltd to M/s J.S.W. Steel Ltd, subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be upto the period of deemed extension of lease of erstwhile User Agency as could have been provided under the provisions of MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 i.e upto 28.09.2020.
3. After expiry of the validity of FC approval, the User Agency shall seek renewal of FC under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
4. The User Agency shall abide by the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, if any, to be issued in I.A. No. 162474 of 2018 in the matter of Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 562 of 2009.
5. Transfer of Forest Clearance shall be subject to orders of Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in Writ Petition No. 29708 of 2017.
6. The State Government shall charge 10% of Net Present Value or Rs.1,00,000/- whichever is less transfer fee from the user agency.
7. The new user agency, M/s. J.S.W. Steel Ltd shall abide by all the conditions stipulated by the Central Government vide letter No. 4-KRC032/2004-BAN/178 dated: 15.05.2006.
8. The User Agency shall obtain the permission for deemed extension as per MoEF&CC guidelines dated: 1-4-2015 and 1-5-2015, if required.

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9. The user agency shall carry out mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the nodal officer in accordance with Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that, the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed.
10. The User Agency shall implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of the Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF & CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones.
11. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
12. The User Agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
13. The User Agency shall carry out de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies, whenever required.
14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
15. User Agency ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
16. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year.

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17. The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
18. With regard to the safety zone, the User Agency shall pay the cost of afforestation charges in degraded forest as directed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.
19. Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of over-burdens / dumps beyond diverted area and also to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities.
20. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the Forest Department.
21. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency in consultation with Forest Department shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, at the project cost.
22. The User Agency should prepare a land surrender schedule specifying the year for surrendering the mined out and biologically-reclaimed forest land as per the mining plan and progressive mine closure plan and submit an undertaking that the biologically-reclaimed land will be handed over to the Forest Department as per this surrender schedule.
23. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bengaluru.
24. The User Agency shall take up the de-silting of the village tanks within one km. area from the mine lease boundary as a Corporate's social responsibility so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks if any.
25. Adequate fire protection measures, including employment of fire watchers and maintenance of the fire line, etc, shall be undertaken by the user agency in and around the project area at its own cost.
26. The lessee shall not carry out any mining operation beyond the sanctioned timings.

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27. The lessee shall abide by the provision of all the laws for the time being in force relating to working of minerals and matters affecting safety, health and convenience of the Lessee's employees or of the public doing execution of his work.
28. The Lessee shall strictly abide by the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and the Karnataka Forest Rules, 1969, the Karnataka Forest Manual, 1976 and other Rules and Regulations.
29. If any dispute arises on the interpretation and implementation of above conditions and working difficulty, the matter will be referred to the Government and decision of the Government shall be binding on both the parties.
30. Conservation plan for wildlife shall be prepared in consultation with Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle. The plan shall also consist of inbuilt monitoring and evaluation mechanism. The said plan shall be implemented at the project cost.
31. Any other conditions that the Government or the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office / Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka

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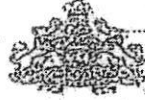
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7. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.
8. M/s J.S.W. Steel Ltd, P.O. Vidyanagar, Toranagallu, Ballari District-283 275.
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. FEE 6 FFM 2018

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
M.S. Building,
Bangalore, Dated: 24/01/2018

From

Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Bangalore-560 001.

To:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests,
Kendriya Sadana, Regional Office (South Zone),
17th Main, Koramangala, Bangalore 560 034.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 32.56 hectare [revised from 33.80 hectare] of forest land for iron ore mining [erstwhile 'C' category M.L.No. 2621 of M/s Rama Rao Paol] allocated through auction sale to M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Toranagallu in Ramanamalai Block, Reserved Forest, Sandur North Range, Ballari District-reg.

With reference to the above subject, I am directed to state that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Bangalore vide their letter No.A5(1).MNG.CR-01/2017-18, dated: 30/12/2017 has submitted a proposal to obtain approval of Government of India under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 32.56 hectare [revised from 33.80 hectare] of forest land for iron ore mining [erstwhile 'C' category M.L.No. 2621 of M/s Rama Rao Paol] allocated through auction sale, to M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Toranagallu in Ramanamalai Block Reserved Forest, Sandur North Range, Ballari District subject to certain conditions. A copy of the proposal which is self explanatory along with its enclosure, Annexure-A and proforma proposal (in 2 sets) are enclosed herewith.

In the circumstances, it requested to kindly obtain and communicate the in principal approval (Stage-I) of Government of India under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the proposal referred above, subject to the conditions appended in Annexure-A.

Yours faithfully,

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Under Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.

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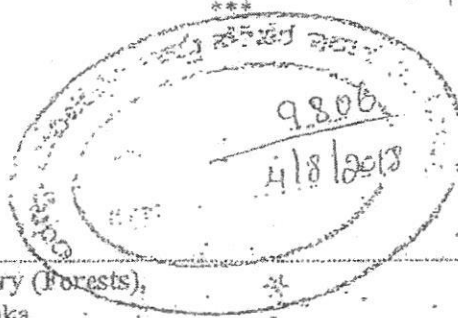
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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003.
2. M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Toranagallu, Ballari.

used all original letter.

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F. No. 8-14/2018-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)



Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,
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Dated: 27th July, 2017

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 6 FFM 2018 dated 24/01/2018 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, *In-principle approval/Stage-I Clearance* of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 32.56 hectare [revised from 33.80 hectare] of forest land for iron ore mining [erstwhile 'C' category M.L. No. 2621 of M/s. Rama Rao Paol] allocated through auction sale to M/s. JSW Steel Ltd., Toranagallu in Ramanamalai Block Reserve Forest, Sandur North Range, Ballari District subject to the following conditions:

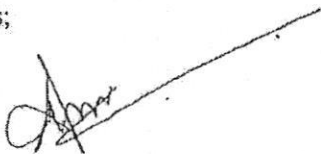
- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Since the user agency has not applied for the use of existing road used by M/s. Rama Rao Paol, which was actually diverted in favour of Zeenat Transport Company, State Government shall submit the relevant documents along with DGPS co-ordinates and alignment of the existing road. The user agency may use the existing road by obtaining NOC from the Zeenat Transport Company for usage of road diverted in its favour and submitting the NOC prior to final approval.
- (iii) From the analysis through DSS it is observed that part of road which is informed to be diverted in favour of Zeenat Transport Company is passing through the proposed mining lease area of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. It may be clarified that the portion of road which is passing through lease area of JSW Steel Ltd is already diverted under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 in favour of Zeenat Transport company or not. If the portion of the road is already diverted than the same need to be deducted from the proposed lease area or a NOC shall be provided by the Zeenat Transport Company to avoid twice diversion of same area in favour to two different project proponents.
- (iv) Compensatory afforestation programme shall be taken-up in consultation with State Forest Department. For compensatory afforestation preference will be given to native plant species. Compensatory afforestation will be raised over 33.8

ha of non-forest land identified by the state government and at least 1000 plants per hectare (33800 plants of native tree species) will be planted. The CA cost may be revised accordingly, if required, and CA cost shall be deposited in the Compensatory afforestation Fund of Karnataka State managed by adhoc CAPMPA.

- (v) 25% of the Cost of CA will be deposited in addition to the CA cost for soil and moisture conservation works at CA site.
- (vi) Since the proposed area is prone to soil erosion because of high slope & poor vegetation. Hence, the user agency shall undertake adequate soil & moisture conservation works such as check dam, gully checks, retaining wall etc. whether inside or outside the lease area, in consultation with the forest department before starting mining works preferably within three years.
- (vii) Presence of wild life has been reported in the area. State Government shall prepare a wild life management plan for the area and the same shall be implemented by the forest department. The cost of implementation and preparation of plan shall be borne by the user agency. The copy of approved wild life management plan by Chief wild life warden shall be submitted to MoEF & CC and the cost of the plan should be deposited in CAMPA fund prior to final approval.
- (viii) It is reported that proposal for diversion of 15.981 ha Forest land for construction of pipe conveyer by the user agency is pending at state level. State Government may be advised that, so far as technically possible, the alignment of pipe conveyer shall primarily follow the area of road which is already under non-forestry use so that there is minimum demand for change of land use of fresh forest area for construction of pipe conveyer.
- (ix) The user agency will start production only after depositing all NPV and other compensatory levies imposed for FC clearance and obtaining final approval under FC Act even though the existing EC of 0.5 MTPA has been transferred in favor of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd.
- (x) State Government will ensure complete compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in accordance with Ministry's guidelines dated 03.08.2009 read with 05.07.2013;
- (xi) Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area [7.5 meters strip shall be kept within the mining lease boundary and area of the safety zone shall be part of the total area of mining lease as per the Ministry's guidelines dated 27.05.2015] shall be done at the project cost within three years and maintained thereafter as per approved working plan of the State Govt. Besides this afforestation on degraded forest land to be selected elsewhere measuring one & a half times the area under safety zone shall also be done at the project cost;
- (xii) User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease;
- (xiii) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- (xiv) The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned;



- (xv) The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (xvi) The user agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage- I clearance;
- (xvii) The Forest clearance will be for a period co terminus with the lease period specified in the lease agreement. The State Government will submit the lease agreement document specified in the lease agreement;
- (xviii) The State Govt. may note that this Ministry will not be liable to pay any compensation or refund compensatory levies deposited in Adhoc CAMPA fund to the erstwhile lease holder in category "C" mine;
- (xix) The user agency shall implement the following activities under the supervision of the State Forest Department:
- (a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be initiated to be implemented within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.
 - (b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;
 - (c) Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme;
 - (d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°; and
 - (e) No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.
- (xx) The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;
- (xxi) The user agency shall implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/concern Regional Office of MoEF &CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones;
- (xxii) The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.
- (xxiii) The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;



- (xxiv) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (xxv) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (xxvi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxvii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (xxviii) The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- (xxix) The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km. from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II approval;
- (xxx) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxxi) The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year;
- (xxxii) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- (xxxiii) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
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Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Sub: Diversion of 32.56 hectare (revised from 33.80 hectare) of forest land for Iron Ore Mining (erstwhile 'C' category M.L.No. 2621 of M/s Rama Rao Poal) allocated through auction sale to M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Toranagallu in Ramanmalai Block Reserve Forest, Sandur North Range, Ballari District, Karnataka.

- Read:**
1. Letter No A5(1).MNG.CR.01/2017-18, Dated: 30-12-2017 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru.
 2. Letter No. FEE 06 FFM 2018, Dated: 24-01-2018 of the Government of Karnataka.
 3. Letter No. F.No. 8-14/2018-FC, Dated: 27-07-2017 of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India. (Typographical error; to be read as 27-07-2018).
 4. Letter No. F.No. 4-KRC 1138/2018-BAN/1544, Dated: 13-03-2018 of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
 5. Letter No. FEE 06 FFM 2018, Dated: 16-03-2018 of the Government of Karnataka.
 6. Letter No A5(1).MNG.CR.01/2017-18, Dated: 03-09-2019 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru.
 7. Letter No. FEE 06 FFM 2018, Dated: 22-10-2019 of the Government of Karnataka.
 8. Letter No. F.No. 8-14/2018-FC, Dated: 19-11-2019 of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India.

Preamble:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru vide letter read at (1) above has submitted the proposal to obtain the approval under Section-2 of the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 32.56 hectare (revised from 33.80 hectare) of forest land for Iron Ore Mining (erstwhile 'C' category M.L.No. 2621 of M/s Rama Rao Poal) allocated through auction sale to M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Toranagallu in Ramanmalai Block Reserve Forest, Sandur North Range, Ballari District, Karnataka.

This proposal was sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India vide letter read at (2) above, by the Government of

Karnataka with a recommendation to accord Stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Government of India vide its letter read at (3) above has conveyed in-principle approval (Stage-I) for diversion of 32.56 hectare (revised from 33.80 hectare) of forest land for Iron Ore Mining (erstwhile 'C' category M.L.No. 2621 of M/s Rama Rao Poal) allocated through auction sale to M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Toranagallu in Ramanmalai Block Reserve Forest, Sandur North Range, Ballari District, Karnataka by stipulating certain conditions.

The Government of India vide its letter read at (4) above has returned the proposal to State Government with a request to send the consolidated proposal for Mining as well as for approach road, downhill pipe conveyer and feed and transfer points for this mining i.e., totally 32.56 hectare + 15.981 hectare = 48.541 hectare.

Hence, a reply was sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India vide letter read at (5) above with a request to accord permission for diversion of 32.56 hectare (revised from 33.80 hectare) of forest land for Iron Ore Mining (erstwhile 'C' category M.L.No. 2621 of M/s Rama Rao Poal) allocated through auction sale to M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Toranagallu in Ramanmalai Block Reserve Forest, Sandur North Range, Ballari District, Karnataka and it was also stated that as per the directions of letter vide read at (4), a separate proposal will be sent to the Government of India for approach road, downhill pipe conveyer and feed and transfer points for this mining at the earliest.

Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru vide letter read at (6) above has submitted the proposal with the compliance report to Government of Karnataka, and requested to accord Stage-II approval and the same was forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India with a recommendation to accord Stage - II approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation), Act-1980 vide letter read at (7) above.

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India (Forest Conservation Division) have accorded Stage-II approval under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide its letter read at (8) above by imposing certain conditions.

The proposal has been examined in detail and hence the order.

Government Order No. FEE 06 FFM 2018, Bengaluru,

Dated: 29-11-2019.

In the circumstances as explained in the preamble above, Government decides to accord approval (Stage-II) under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 32.56 hectare (revised from 33.80 hectare) of forest land for Iron Ore Mining (erstwhile 'C' category M.L.No. 2621 of M/s Rama Rao Poal) allocated through auction sale to M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Toranagallu in Ramanmalai Block Reserve Forest,

Sandur North Range, Ballari District, Karnataka subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

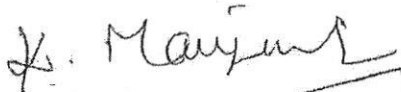
- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation and Soil & Moisture Conservation works (SMC) such as check dam, gully checks, retaining wall etc. over the identified non-forest land shall be taken up as per approved plan/scheme by the Forest Department from the funds received by the user agency within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of approval and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- (iii) The identified non-forest land for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the India Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the State Forest Act. immediately, if not already done;
- (iv) The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (v) The State Govt. shall ensure that the concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- (vi) The User agency may use the existing road as diverted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Zeenat Transport Company;
- (vii) State Govt. shall ensure that approved Wildlife Management Plan and Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan shall be implemented by the State Forest Department from the funds provided by the user agency;
- (viii) The State Govt. shall ensure that fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area shall be done within three years at the project cost from the issue of approval. Besides this afforestation on identified degraded forest land in lieu of one & a half times of the area under safety zone shall also be done at the project cost within three years from the date of approval and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan;
- (ix) The State Govt. shall ensure that User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall implement gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease;
- (x) The Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed

to be granted under the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015, as amended and the Rules framed there under;

- (xi) The State Govt. may note that this Ministry will not be liable to pay any compensation or refund compensatory levies deposited in CAMPA fund to the erstwhile lease holder in category "C" mine;
- (xii) The State Govt. shall ensure that the User Agency shall carry out mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Dy. Director General (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed;
- (xiii) The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/concerned Regional Office of MoEF & CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones;
- (xiv) The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds' nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.
- (xv) The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinated;
- (xvi) The State Govt. shall ensure that the User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (xvii) The State Govt. shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (xviii) The State Govt. shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

- (xix) The State Govt. shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- (xx) The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxi) The State Govt. ensure that the State Forest Department shall implement approved plan/scheme for regularly desilting of identified village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies.
- (xxii) The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions shall be submitted to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India by the end of March every year;
- (xxiii) The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Government of India may stipulate with the approval of the competent authority, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife; and
- (xxiv) The State Govt. and the user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka


(K. Manjunath) 28/11/19

Under Secretary to Government (I/C)

Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Forest-C)

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7. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.
8. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka State Medicinal Plants Authority(KaMPA), Vanavikasa 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.
9. M/s JSW Steel Ltd., U 6th Floor, East Wing, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001.
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Sub: Transfer of forest clearance of Karadikolla Iron Ore Mines (ML No. 2487) in respect of diversion of 86.12 hectare of forest land in North-Eastern Block (NEB) Range, Karadikolla Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District Range, present FC lease holder M/s Lakshminarayan Mines Company to M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapet, the successful bidder in e-auction conducted by Mines and Geology Department - reg

- Read: 1. Letter No A5(1).MNG.CR.17/2017-18, Dated: 06-12-2018 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru
2. Letter No. FEE 57 FMM 2018, Dated: 27-03-2019 of the Government of Karnataka
3. Letter No. F.No. 8/39/2003-FC, Dated: 25-10-2019 of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.

Preamble:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru vide letter read at (1) above has submitted the proposal for the transfer of forest clearance of Karadikolla Iron Ore Mines (ML No. 2487) in respect of diversion of 86.12 hectare of forest land in North-Eastern Block (NEB) Range, Karadikolla Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District Range, present FC lease holder M/s Lakshminarayan Mines Company to M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapet, the successful bidder in e-auction conducted by Mines and Geology Department under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This proposal was sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India vide letter read at (2) above, by the Government of Karnataka with a recommendation to accord permission under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Government of India vide its letter read at (3) above has conveyed approval for the transfer of forest clearance of Karadikolla Iron Ore Mines (ML No. 2487) in respect of diversion of 86.12 hectare of forest land in North-Eastern Block (NEB) Range, Karadikolla Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District Range, present FC lease holder M/s Lakshminarayan Mines Company to M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapet, the successful bidder in e-auction conducted by Mines and Geology Department by stipulating certain conditions. Hence the following order.

Dated: 12-11-2019.

In the circumstances as explained in the preamble above and after careful examination of the proposal in accordance with para 5.1, 5.2 and 5.5 of the Chapter 5 (Transfer/Re-division) of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC, dated 28-03-2019, the Government conveys its approval for transfer of final forest clearance of Karadikolla Iron Ore Mines (ME No. 2487) 2003 from M/s Lakshminarayan Mines Company to M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete in respect of diversion of 86.12 hectare (earlier diverted 105.22) of forest land in North-Eastern Block (NEB) Range, Karadikolla Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka, which was granted by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India's letter No. F.No. 8-39/2003-FC(Pt), dated: 7/8th July, 2003 subject to following conditions:

- (i) The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Transfer of approval granted under the provisions of FCA, 1980 shall be in accordance of provisions prescribed in para 5.1 and 5.5 of the Chapter 5 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019.
- (iii) The new user agency shall be allowed to use the diverted forest land with same stipulation as prescribed in the approval granted to erstwhile User Agency.
- (iv) The new user agency shall be liable to inherit and pay all liabilities of erstwhile user agency, if any, before issue of transfer order by the State Government of Karnataka.
- (v) New user agency is bound to carry out CA as per stipulations of Stage - II approvals.
- (vi) The approval granted under the provisions of FCA, 1980 is valid upto 20-05-2023.
- (vii) The State Government shall ensure the approved R&R plan is implemented.
- (viii) Lease transfer charged @ 10% of the NPV or Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One lakh only) whichever is less will be realized from the new user agency and will be deposited in the account of CAMPA before execution/transfer of lease in favour of the new user agency.
- (ix) The new user agency shall pay the NPV as per the approval granted under FC Act, if not paid earlier. The new user agency shall also furnish an undertaking to pay the additional NPV, if so determined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

- (x) The State Government shall ensure complete compliance of the FRA, 2006, if not already done.
- (xi) The new user agency shall abide by all the conditions on which the forest land was leased to the original user agency.
- (xii) The new user agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated, with the approval of competent authority, by the Central Government/Concerned Regional Office/State Government in future in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife.
- (xiii) The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the stipulated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India by the end of March every year; and
- (xiv) The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

By order and in the name of the
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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
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Subject: Diversion of 32.16 ha. of forest land (29.49 ha. for existing mining lease and 2.67 ha for existing approach road) in Donimalai (DM) Block Forest, Ubbalagandi Reserved Forest and Ubbalagandi Extension Reserved Forest, Near Ubbalagandi village, Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for Mining Lease No. 2433 ('C' Category mine of M/s. Nidhi Mining Pvt Ltd) in favour of M/s. Minera Steel and Power Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru. (The Preferred Bidder in e-auction) -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No.FEE 48 FFM 2020 (e) dated 18/09/2020, 18/01/2021, 02/06/2021, 24/11/2021 and 07/01/2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 21st April, 2022. The State Government vide letters No.FEE 48 FFM 2020 (e) dated 13/10/2022, 17/02/2023 and PCCF (FC) & Nodal Officer (FCA) vide letters dated 28/03/2023 and 03/04/2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (Stage-II) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 32.16 ha. of forest land (29.49 ha. for existing mining lease and 2.67 ha for existing approach road) in Donimalai (DM) Block Forest, Ubbalagandi Reserved Forest and Ubbalagandi Extension Reserved Forest, Near Ubbalagandi village, Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for Mining Lease No. 2433 ('C' Category mine of M/s. Nidhi Mining Pvt Ltd) in favour of M/s. Minera Steel and Power Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru. (The Preferred Bidder in e-auction), subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
3. Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over equivalent non-forest in Sy.Nos. 12/C, 13/A, 13/B, 14/A, 143/1 & 61 of Mallapura village, Sy.Nos. 54/1, 54/2, 55/1 & 55/2 of Ananthapura village, Sy.Nos. 83, 11/B, 112/B of Tumli village and Sy.No. 126 of Ubbalagundi village of Sandur Taluk, Ballari District shall be raised within 3 years and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified non-forest land. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for


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- change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation, if any.
4. Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 meters strip shall be kept within the mining lease boundary and area of the safety zone shall be part of the total area of mining lease) shall be done at the project cost within three years and maintained thereafter as per approved working plan of the State Government. The State Government shall also raise and maintain the plantation over an area, one and half times of the extent of the safety zone, of the degraded forest land, at the project cost preferably adjacent to the lease area.
 5. It will be the responsibility of the State Government to recover Compensatory losses in view of the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court.
 6. The directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time regarding mining in Karnataka shall strictly be complied with by the State Government and User Agency.
 7. 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 Adhoc CAMPA Account.
 8. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
 9. Plantations on either side of the approach road to the mine in the forest area should be taken up and ensure that proper drainage is also made on roadsides.
 10. The user agency shall obtain environmental clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
 11. The user agency shall undertake mining and reclamation of the mined out area as per the approved mining plan and the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
 12. The mining lease holder shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for the growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
 13. The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved Mining Plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Regional Officer (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.
 14. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 15. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on forest areas.
 16. The forest area shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 17. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 32.16 ha.
 18. The layout plan of the mining plan /proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 19. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
 20. 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.
 21. The period of diversion of the said forest land shall be co-terminus with period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 with amendments or rules framed thereunder.
 22. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year; and
 23. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines,

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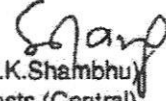

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Hon'ble Court/NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project

24. 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.
25. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.2.1 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

Yours faithfully,


(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indra Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, AIGanj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
4. The General Manager, M/s. Minera Steel and Power Pvt Ltd, 811/2, NH-63, Hospet Road, Alipur, Bellary District -583 105.
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List of C Category Mining Leases auctioned and executed

Sl. No	Name of the mining lease holder/address	ML No.	Mineral	District	Taluk	Village	Total Extent (in Ha)	Area in Forest (in Ha)	Original Execution Date	Expiry date as per 8A of MMDR Act
1	M/s JSW Steel Ltd JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai-4000051	4	Iron ore	Ballari	Sandur	Donimalai Forest Range	33.21	33.21	12.01.2018	16.01.2068
2	M/s JSW Steel Ltd JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai-4000052	5	Iron ore	Ballari	Sandur	Malgola (SM Block)	21.03	21.03	17.03.2018	20.03.2068
3	M/s JSW Steel Ltd JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai-4000053	6	Iron ore	Ballari	Sandur	Lakshmipura	100.54	100.54	22.12.2018	25.12.2068
4	M/s JSW Steel Ltd JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai-4000054	7	Iron ore	Ballari	Sandur	Ittanahalli	130.53	130.53	27.05.2019	30.05.2069
5	M/s JSW Steel Ltd JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai-4000055	8	Iron ore	Ballari	Sandur	Ubbalagundi	32.89	32.89	11.11.2019	27.11.2069
6	M/s JSW Steel Ltd JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai-4000056	9	Iron ore	Ballari	Sandur	Ramgad	33.8	33.8	13.12.2019	19.12.2069
7	MSPL Limited, Baldota Bhavan, 117, Maharshi Karve Road, Mumbai-400 020.	10	Iron ore	Ballari	Sandur	Karadikolla	86.059	86.059	01.02.2020	02.02.2070
8	M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industris Ltd	16	Iron ore	Ballari	Sandur	Nandihalli	24.47	24.47	08.03.2021	08.03.2071
9	Minera Power & Steel Pvt Ltd	22	Iron ore	Ballari	Sandur	Ubbalagundi	29.49	29.49	05.10.2023	12.10.2073

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C Category Auctioned Mines							
Sl. No	Name of Mine	Revenue		Revenue		Revenue	
		Auction Amount (VMD)	Royalty	Auction Amount (VMD)	Royalty	Auction Amount (VMD)	Royalty
1	Rama Rao Paol	4415978727	681113626	2081038474	506689697	2163960995	500377875
2	M/s Lakshmi Narayan Mining Company	592654117	94834131	311369470	62262000	368504063	52380000
3	Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt Ltd,	1924899872	345550481	834991931	258795744	987325746	212633925
4	Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt Ltd,	574702728	137677125	300483354	100106813	296877923	110906850
5	Hothur Traders,	1097575178	121887300	426176489	114459920	483847930	97941300
6	V.S Lad & Sons	3705357283	533233875	1129240349	231842711	1012744938	226437750
7	M/s Bharath Mines & Minerals,	-	-				
8	M/s Mysore Minerals Limited						
9	Minera Power & Steel Pvt Ltd						
	Grand Total	12311167905	1914296538	5083300067	1274156885	5313261595	1200677700
	Amount in Crores	1231.12	191.43	508.33	127.42	531.33	120.07