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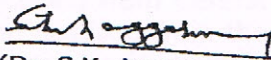
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Mining Projects from the Districts of Bellary, Tumkur and Chitradurga in Karnataka – Regarding.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 29.7.2011 and 26.8.2011 have banned mining operations in the Districts of Bellary, Tumkur and Chitradurga in the State of Karnataka. In view of the same, it has been decided that all the mining projects which are pending for environmental clearance and are at different stages of consideration / processing, both in Ministry of Environment & Forests as well as in State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) will be delisted. Those projects which have not yet been placed before the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) / State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), will be returned.

Further, it has also been decided that MoEF / SEIAA will not consider any mining proposal from these three Districts till the Hon'ble Supreme Court lifts the ban on consideration of projects in these areas. Accordingly, the prospective project proponents are advised not to submit any mining proposal for environmental clearance till such time the ban is lifted.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Dr. S.K. Aggarwal)
Director

To

1. All the Officers of IA Division
2. Chairperson / Member Secretary of SEIAA/SEAC, Karnataka
3. Chairman, CPCB
4. Chairperson / Member Secretary of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

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