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

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Dated: 11th October, 2021

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),

Government of Odisha,

Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 66.20 ha forest land (including safety zone area safety zone 1.899 ha) under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect to Jindal Chromite Mines of M/s Jindal Stainless Limited in village Kaliapani and Forest Block No.27 of Mahagiri DPF in Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District under Cuttack Forest Division.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0115-2021-15632/ FE&CC dated 03.09.2021 submitting above subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that examination of the said proposal revealed the following:

- i. Online proposal contains CA scheme only in respect of 43.98 ha (30.86 + 13.12 ha) only, site specific scheme, prepared for Badabahal and Gunthapada may be uploaded online, along with requisite supporting details.
- ii. State Government in its forwarding letter mentioned that a Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan has also been approved by the PCCF (Wildllife) CWLW. However, copy of the site specific Wildlife Management Plan has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.
- iii. Complete copy of Mining plan may be uploaded online by the User Agency. Complete copy of the same needs to be uploaded online.
- iv. Detail pertaining to the proposal dated 16.05.2016 of the State for change in the name of user agency could not be traced in the Ministry. The State Government is, therefore, requested to submit a copy of the same and confirm if the proposal is in accordance with para 5.2 of the Handbook i.e. change in the name of user agency without change in the shareholding pattern.
- v. The State Government has considered the working over 61.16 ha of forest land without prior approval under the FC Act, 1980 as a violation of the Act. Action, if any, taken by the State Government on the reported violation of the FC Act may be intimated to the Ministry.

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vi. Relevant documents pertaining to FRA, 2006 i.e. certificate dated 3.05.2016 along with supporting documentary evidences and letter of user agency requesting the District Collector to submit the compliance of balance area of 1.899 ha have not been uploaded online. The same needs to be uploaded online.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit information/documents as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

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