

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

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Dated: 2nd November, 2020

To,

The Addl Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub:Modification in the condition stipulated while granting *In principle* approval for diversion of balance forest of 80.826 ha (16.566 ha of forest land and 64.260 ha of non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980), in addition to 52.348 ha of forest land already diverted, that includes 3.916 ha of forest land in safety zone and 1.129 ha of forest land in green belt (total forest land of 133.174 ha in ML) within the total mining lease area over 169.00 ha of Tiringpahar Iron & Manganese Mines of M/s. Tata Steel Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha during extended ML period as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015:reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the representation dated 07.08.2019 of User Agency i.e. Tata Steel Limited requesting to re-consider the following two specific conditions as imposed by FAC and stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 02.08.2019:

- a. *State Government shall submit detail status of reclamation done by the user agency till date. State Government may also see if the user agency had resorted to any violation in respect of any condition stipulated in reclamation plan approved by IBM.*
- b. *State Government shall ensure that 46 ha out of the 80.826 ha un-diverted forest land having vegetation density of more than 0.4, is maintained as green cover, till a comparable area is reclaimed and vegetated.*

2. After careful examination of the representation of the user agency, comments made by the State Government on the said representation vide their letter No.10F(Cons) 104/2016-12353/F&E dated 14.08.2020, recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 21.09.2020 and acceptance of the same by the competent authority, the above conditions for Stage-I approval dated 02.08.2019 are hereby modified as below:

- a. *State Government shall see if any violation has been committed in respect of any condition stipulated in reclamation plan approved by IBM .*
- b. *Deleted*

3. The text of the remaining conditions as stipulated in Stage-I approval of even no. dated 02.08.2019 shall remain the same.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/
(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

1. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Dy. Director General (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
3. User Agency
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
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