

**F. No. 8-01/2019-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
(F.C. Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi: 110003,  
**Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

To

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),  
Regional Office,  
Bhubaneswar

**Sub: Proposal 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) including 3.916 ha of forest land in safety zone and 1.129 ha of forest land in green belt in addition to 52.348 ha of forest land already diverted ( total forest land of 133.174ha 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.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Govt. of Orrisa's letter No. 10F (Cons)140/2016/378/F&E dated 04.01.2019 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the forest land proposed for diversion and submit a detailed Site Inspection Report(SIR) along-with status on the compliance of the conditions stipulated in Stage-II approval letter No.8-80/2004-FC dated 28.03.2007 for earlier diversion of 52.348 ha of forest land in the this mining lease at the earliest to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:**

1. Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

  
(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)