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

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Dated: 19th December, 2016

To
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of balance forest land 162.42 ha including 24.150 ha of forest land to be maintained safety zone (as per Sabik settlement record as on 25.10.1980 and after 25.10.1980) excluding the 104.79 ha forest land already diverted pertaining to total ML area of 382.709 ha of Sukurangi Chromite Mines of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd spread over villages like kamarda, ostapal, Saruabil, Sukurangi, Tailangi and Forest block No. 27 of Mahagiri DPF in Sukinda Tehsil of jajpur Tailangi and Forest Block No. 27 of Mahagiri DPF in Sukinda Tehsil of jajpur district (under Cuttack Forest Division), Odisha during extended period of mining lease up to 31.3.2020 as per MMDR Amendment Act, 2015.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha No. 10F (Cons) 195/2016/13965/F&E dated 29.07.2016 submitting the above subject proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 9th & 10th November, 2016. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 9th & 10th November, 2016 is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.forestclearance.nic.in. After thorough deliberation, the FAC *inter-alia* recommended that :

- (i) Plantation upto 100 meters from the bank of river on either side, to be done and maintained as green belt.
- (ii) On analysis through DSS, it is found that moderately dense forest is present on southern boundary of the mining lease. State Government to demarcate that area, submit shape files and it shall be kept intact as an additional safety zone.
- (iii) On analysis on DSS it is found some of proposed area for CA is seen under encroachment for agriculture. State Government shall submit comments on the status of encroachment.
- (iv) For compensatory afforestation (CA) equivalent non forest land (NFL) is to be earmarked and plantation has to be raised @1000 plants/ha, of forest land diverted. On analysis through DSS it is found that some area of the proposed non forest land for CA is having moderately dense vegetation over it, therefore 1000 plants/ha cannot be planted. The proposed non forest land for CA shall be accepted provided the number of plants which are not possible to be planted on proposed land, shall be planted on degraded forest land (crown density upto 40 % as per Forest Survey of India report) identified by the forest department. State Government shall identify degraded forest land (DFL) within its administrative control and submit the location of area and shape file with possible number of plants to be planted in the proposed degraded forest land. The compensatory afforestation scheme shall be for 1000 plants/ha of the forest land diverted under this proposal including maintenance cost for 10 years. The State Government shall submit the revised CA scheme
- (v) State Government shall submit original certificate of complete compliance of FRA.2006.

- (vi) 1.335 Ha forest land diversion is proposed for construction of Infrastructure for site services.
This shall not be allowed on forest land.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit information as indicated above to this Ministry for further action.

Yours faithfully



(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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