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

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New Delhi – 110 003.

Dated: 25th October, 2018

Office Memorandum

Subject: Diversion of Balance Forest Land 401.7824 Ha. Including 7.2807 Ha of Safety Zone Out of Total Forest Land of 519.7472 Ha Within Total Mining Lease Area of 618.576 Ha for Iron Ore Mining in Gandhamardan (Block-A) Mining Lease in Keonjhar District, Odisha of M/S Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. During 2nd Renewal of Mining Lease Period (Likely to Extended Up to 31.03.2020 As Per Amended Provision of MMDR Act, 2015- Constitution of Committee-regarding.

As per recommendation of FAC in its meeting held on 20.09.2018, it has been decided by this Ministry to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Tejender Singh, APCCF(Central), Regional Office, Bhopal as per following composition:

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| (i) Dr. Tejender Singh, APCCF(Central), Regional Office, Bhopal | : Chairperson |
| (ii) Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, Member, FAC | : Member |
| (iii) Sh R.K. Samal, CF(Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar | : Member |
| (iv) Sh. Sandeep Sharma, AIGF(FC), MoEF&CC, New Delhi | : Member |

2. The committee shall visit the area and analyses the following points and submit their report to this Ministry:

- (i) Whether it is imperative to open new area when, Gandamardan B Mine, adjoining to the present proposal area is under consideration of MoEF&CC.
- (ii) What is total requirement of forest area for OMC to meets its targeted production for next five years. How many mines are operational and what is the envisaged production capacity *vis a vis* actual production.
- (iii) May analyses the *Scientific study on Biodiversity and its conservation for forest land around Gandhamardan Region in Keonjhar district* and submit the summary of facts before FAC for consideration.

(iv) May obtain year-wise schedule for extraction of Iron ore from Gandamardhan -A mine.

(v) May check if CAT plan for the area is required, as it is reported that area cater to River Baitrani through feeder streams.


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