

F. No 8-63/2007-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: 15 April, 2019

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

Sub: Proposal for transfer of final forest clearance in favour of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd., which was granted vide this Ministry's letter dated 04.05.2011 for diversion of 1253.225 ha forest land for establishment of Integrated Steel Plant and Captive Port in Jagatsinghpur district of Odisha by POSCO-India Pvt. Ltd

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Odisha vide their letter No. 10F (Cons)-164/2018/25069/F&E dated 19.11.2018 requesting for transfer of final forest clearance in favour of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd., which was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 04.05.2011 for diversion of 1253.225 ha forest land for establishment of Integrated Steel Plant and Captive Port in Jagatsinghpur district of Odisha by POSCO-India Pvt. Ltd. The said request was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 21.02.2019 and detailed minutes of meeting are available on Ministry's website: www.parivesh.nic.in. FAC after through deliberation and discussion recommended that the following documents shall be submitted to FAC for further analysis:

- (i) MoEF&CC shall seek legal opinion on the issue of transfer of FC approval from one user agency to other and the relevance of its guideline 2.8 which deals with transfer of lease.
- (ii) State Government shall submit the shape file of the area diverted to POSCO -India Pvt. Ltd and area requested by M/S JSW Utkal steel limited.
- (iii) State Government shall submit a comparative statement of the components which were allowed for POSCO-India Pvt. Ltd and those proposed for M/S JSW Utkal steel limited. The difference in land use shall be highlighted clearly. DGPS map depicting different components of the proposed project may also be submitted.
- (iv) Shape file of CA land and present status shall be confirmed by State Government.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information/ documents as indicated in para (ii) to (iv) above to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File


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