

Reminder

**F. No. 8-55/2000-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road  
New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018

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

**Sub: Diversion of 865.276 hectares of forest land out of 947.046 ha. of ML area for mining of iron ore in favour of M/s Sarda Mines Pvt. Ltd. in village Sayabali, Balita and Thakurani RF in Keonjhar district of Orissa- Application for permission to carry out mining operations by the user agency over 617.108 hectares of forest land out of 865.276 hectares of already diverted forest land- Approval of changed land use pattern –regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 14.05.2018 (copy enclosed ) requesting to provide the status of lease, period of existing lease and outcome of all court cases pertaining to diversion of 865.276 hectares of forest land out of 947.046 ha. of ML area for mining of iron ore in favour of M/s Sarda Mines Pvt. Ltd. in village Sayabali, Balita and Thakurani RF in Keonjhar district of Orissa is required to process the case further in the Ministry. In addition, a copy of the representation of M/s Sarda Mines Private Limited dated 12.07.2016 was forwarded for furnishing the para-wise comments of the State Govt. But the requisite information is still awaited.

It is once again requested to kindly provide the desired information for further action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.as above.

  
(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

  
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Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F(Cons) 108/2015.2266/F&E dated 05.02.2016 on the above-mentioned subject and to say that the status of lease, period of existing lease and outcome of all court cases pertaining to diversion of 865.276 hectares of forest land out of 947.046 ha. of ML area for mining of iron ore in favour of M/s Sarda Mines Pvt. Ltd. in village Sayabali, Balita and Thakurani RF in Keonjhar district of Orissa is required to process the case further in the Ministry.

2. It is also informed that M/s Sarda Mines Private Limited vide their letter No. SMPL /TIOM/ 2016 /3069 dated 12.07.2016 has given a representation to this Ministry, which is self-explanatory and attached herewith with a request to provide para-wise comments of the State Govt.

In view of above, it is requested to provide the information/documents/ comments on the points (1) and (2) above to this Ministry for further necessary action in the said matter.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.as above.

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(Sandeep Sharma) 14.5.

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