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**F. No. 8-21/2019-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019

To  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Jharkhand,  
Ranchi.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 184.23 ha of forest land (174.39 ha encroached and 9.84 ha virgin land) in favour of M/s Electro Steels Limited in the State of Jharkhand –reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter no. Van Bhumi-14/2019-2239/V.P. dated 20.06.2019 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 may kindly be accessed on the website of this Ministry ([www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)).

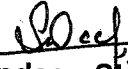
2. The FAC, after thorough discussion and deliberation with the Nodal officer Jharkhand, Dy DG Regional Office Ranchi representative of user agency and considering all facts of the case, observed it is a clear case of violation of the provisions under IFA-1927 and FCA-1980. In the backdrop of all facts of the case, the FAC recommended that the State Government shall:

- (a) Identify the erring officials and authorities responsible for violation of provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and IFA 1927.
- (b) Initiate action, under relevant act, against, such erring officials.
- (c) Institute an enquiry by an independent through reputed organisation.

3. After evaluating the above state government may resubmit the proposal for considering regularisation of the land, already put to non forestry use in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, by the FAC.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government of Jharkhand to submit information, as per the observation of FAC, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 22.08.19

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:-**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central); Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell (Forest Conservation Division).
6. Guard File.

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 22.08.19

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