

F. No. 8-14/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi – 110003

Dated: ²⁶20 September, 2016

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Dept. of Environment & Forests,
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Diversion of 64.119 ha. of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha. for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur District, Odisha.

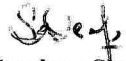
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons) 381/2015-12027/F&E, Bhubaneswar dated 29.06.16 submitted a proposal for diversion of 64.119 ha. of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha. for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur District, Odisha for seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 . The proposal of State Govt. was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on **24.08.2016**. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 24.08.2016 is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.forestclearance.nic.in. After thorough deliberation in the said FAC meeting, the FAC inter-alia recommended that:

1. The User agency shall pay NPV at the rate 20 per cent for each year since the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has commenced.
 2. User agency shall raise penal CA equivalent to the land utilised in violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
2. However FAC further observed that the proposal shall be placed before the competent authority after receipt of following documents from the state.
- 1) Complete compliance of FRA certificate as per the latest guidelines issued by the ministry.

In view of above, I am directed to request the State Govt. of Odisha to submit the information as indicated in para (2) above at the earliest to this Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

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



(Sandeep Sharma)

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