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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change  
(FC Division)

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Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

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

**Sub.: Diversion of 199.1720 ha of forest land, including 2.2001 ha for safety zone, in favor of M/s. Tata Steel Ltd. for iron ore mining and allied activities in Katamati Mines in Deojar & Thakurani Reserved Forest under Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar district in the State of Odisha – regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha letter 10F (Cons)-136/2014/102/F&E dated 01.01.2015 dated on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that proposal was considered by the FAC in its meeting held on 29.07.2015 and the Committee after detailed discussion on the proposal recommended that following information may be obtained from the State Government:

- (i) Legal action if any taken by the State Government for the violation done by the user agency.
- (ii) Safety zone on Northern side boundary which was found absent in the map presented by user agency has to be marked visibly on the field and copy of map with soft copy map of the area along with KML/shape file.
- (iii) Map of lease area showing different kinds of forest land using DGPS survey data and latitude and longitude
- (iv) Details of the items wise break-up in respect of construction of buildings, power station, workshop etc. along with the feasibility of excluding the forest land for this item.
- (v) Compensatory afforestation scheme for afforestation in degraded forest land 1.5 times of the extent of the forest area falling in safety zone.
- (i) Complete compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in accordance with MOEF&CC's guidelines issued time to time for the area falling in safety zone.

Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the documents/information, as indicated above, to this ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Add. PCCF (Central) Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may kindly inspect area and submit thereafter.
4. User Agency (M/s Tata Steel Limited)
5. Guard file.
6. Monitoring Cell.

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)