

F. No. 8-5/2015-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated: 17th June, 2016

To

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

Sub.: Application for approval of MoEF&CC under section 2(iii) of FC Act, 1980 concerning diversion of 199.1720 ha of forest land in favor of M/s. Tata Steel Ltd. for iron ore mining and allied activities in Katamati Mines in Deojhar & 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 No. 10F (Cons)-136/2014/3390/F & E dated 20.02.2016 requesting the ministry to consider the request of user agency seeking approval under section 2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 pertaining to 199.1720 ha of forest land in their Katamati Iron Ore Mines located in village- Deojhar & Thakurani Reserved Forest under Keonjhar Forest Division of Keonjhar District, Odisha.

2. This proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting convened on 16.03.2016. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 16.03.2016 is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.forestclearance.nic.in. After examination of the said proposal, the Forest Advisory Committee recommended the proposal with general, standard and specific conditions. The proposal with recommendation of FAC was put up before the competent authority. It has been directed to obtain a list of all such similar cases where approval under section 2(iii) is required for renewal of leases.

It is, therefore, requested to kindly provide the desired information as indicated above for further action.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma)

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.


(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)