

**F. No. 8-5/2018-FC**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change**  
**(FC Division)**

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,  
New Delhi - 110003.  
**Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**

To

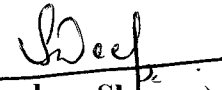
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),  
Regional Office,  
Bhubaneswar

**Sub.: Proposal for diversion of 120.838 ha of forest land for iron ore mining under Section 2 (ii) and for according permission under Section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for entire forest land 126.401 ha including safety zone area of 5.563 ha in favour of M/s Essar Steel India Ltd within their allotted Ghoraburhani-Sagasahi Iron Ore Block of 139.165 ha located in village Sagasahi, Kalmang, Ghoraburhani and Mendhamaruni PRF-I in Koira Tehsil and Koira Range under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 10F (Cons)-26/2018/17489/F&E dated 08.08.2018 submitting above subject proposal for approval of the Central Government under Section- 2 (ii) and Section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the forest land and submit a report to this Ministry for its further necessary action in the matter.

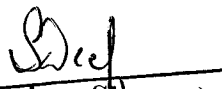
Yours faithfully

  
**(Sandeep Sharma)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Secretary (Forest), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC
6. Guard file

  
**(Sandeep Sharma)**  
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