

F. No. 8-27/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi: 110003,

Dated: 14th September, 2016

To
The Addl. PCCF (Central),
Regional Office,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Diversion of balance forest land 401.7824 ha. including 7.2807 ha of safety zone out of total forest land of 519.7472 ha within total Mining Lease area of 618.576 ha for Iron Ore Mining in Gandhamardan (Block-A) Mining lease in Keonjhar District, Odisha of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. during 2nd Renewal of Mining lease period (likely to extended up to 31.03.2020 as per Amended provision of MMDR Act, 2015.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Govt. of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons) 158/2015/6513/F&E dated 07.04.2016 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the forest land proposed for diversion and submit a report to this Ministry at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary (Forests), Forest and Revenue Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.



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