

File No. 8-26/2014-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: <sup>6</sup>25 October, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of West Bengal,  
Department of Forests,  
Aranya Bhavan, Block-LA, 10-A,  
Sector-III, Salt Lake City,  
Kolkata-700098.

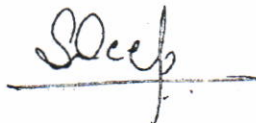
**Sub: Transfer of lease in respect of diversion of 57.00 ha of forest land for underground coal mining project under Bankura (North) Forest Division in Bankura District of West Bengal from the original user agency i.e. M/s Sova Ispat Ltd., in whose favour forest land was proposed to be diverted, to new user agency i.e. M/s OCL Iron & Steel Ltd. , whose favour the coal block was auctioned/re-allotted by the Ministry of Coal.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Coal's D.O. letter no. DO letter no. 13016/38/2015-Vig dated 07.09.2016 and the State Government of Bengal's letter No. No.2756-For/O/L/10T-03/2014 dated 03.10.2016 requesting for transfer of lease in respect of diversion of 57.00 ha of forest land for underground coal mining project under Bankura (North) Forest Division in Bankura District of West Bengal from the original user agency i.e. M/s Sova Ispat Ltd., in whose favour forest land was proposed to be diverted, to new user agency i.e. M/s OCL Iron & Steel Ltd. , whose favour the coal block was auctioned/re-allotted by the Ministry of Coal

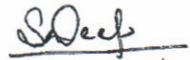
2. After careful examination of the proposal for lease transfer under the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 and on the basis of recommendations of the Ministry of Coal, the State Govt. of West Bengal is requested to furnish the compliance the following conditions so that approval of competent authority would be solicited to grant in-principle approval in favour of new user agency i.e. M/s OCL Iron & Steel Ltd for diversion of 57.00 ha of forest land for underground coal mining project under Bankura (North) Forest Division in Bankura District of West Bengal:

- (i) Lease transfer charges @ 10% of the NPV or Rs. 1,00,000/- (1 Lakh) whichever is less will be realized from the new user agency and will be deposited in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA before execution of lease in favour of the new user agency.
- (ii) Reimbursement of amount paid by the original user agency shall be dealt with in the manner, as provided in the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014 and Rules framed there under.



- (iii) The new user agency shall pay the NPV as per the approval granted under FC Act if not paid earlier. The new user agency shall also furnish an undertaking to pay the additional NPV, if so determined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (iv) **The new user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the cost of compensatory afforestation including five year maintenance in case land subsidence beyond the permissible limit, as per norms of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines thereof.**
- (v) The new user agency shall abide by all the conditions on which the forest land was leased to the original user agency.
- (vi) The new user agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated by the Central Government/Regional Offices/State Government in future in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

Yours faithfully,




(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
3. The Addl. PCCF, Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi
6. Guard file



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