

PART-II
(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)
Forest Diversion Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/16331/2015
State serial No. OR-079/2015 dt.16.11.2015

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| 7. | Location of the Project/ Scheme: | Sukinda Chromite Mines of M/s. TATA Steel Ltd. |
| (i) | State/ Union Territory | Odisha |
| (ii) | District | Jajpur |
| (iii) | Forest Division. | Cuttack Forest Division |
| (iv) | Area of forestland proposed for diversion (in ha.) | 330.972 Ha. |
| (v) | Legal Status of forest | Revenue Forest |
| (vi) | Density of vegetation. | Eco Class I, below 0.4 |
| (vii) | Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter &FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed) | The entire forest land has been broken up prior to 25.10.1980 The detailed enumeration list of trees available in the broken up area is enclosed with the Diversion Proposal.(Annexure – XXX) |
| (viii) | Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion. | The proposed area is not vulnerable to erosion and do not form a part of severely eroded area. |
| (ix) | Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest. | Adjacent to Mahagiri DPF area. |
| (x) | Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc.(if so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed). | Do not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. The project area proposed for diversion comes within a distance of 10 Km. from the proposed Tiger Corridor in Daitary D.P.F. of Sukinda Forest Range in Jajpur District. |
| (xi) | Whether any rare/endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area-if so details thereof. | Elephant, Wild Boar, Ratel, Sloth Bear, Peacock, Porcupine, Pangolin , Python , King Cobra found in the area. |
| (xii) | Whether any project archeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required. | NIL |

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| 8. | Whether the requirement of forestland as proposed by the user agency in col.2 of Part.-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined. | The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the Mining purpose. |
| 9. | Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out) Yes/No. If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress. | NO |
| 10. | Details of compensatory afforestation scheme: | Compensatory Afforestation in non-forest land is not required since the applied forest land has been broken up prior to 1980. |
| (i) | Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch. | Not applicable |
| (ii) | Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries. | Not applicable |
| (iii) | Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc. | Not applicable |
| (iv) | Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme. | Not applicable |
| (v) | Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests). | Not applicable |
| 11. | Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col.7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above. | Site inspection Report in the prescribed format is enclosed with Diversion Proposal |
| 12. | Division/ District profile: | Jajpur District |

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| (i) | Geographical area of the district. | 2899.00 Sq.Km. |
| (ii) | Forest area of the district: | 725.27 Sq.Km. |
| (iii) | Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases. | 3651.69 Ha. / 25 no. |
| (iv) | Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/ division since 1980 as on (a) Forest land including penal compensatory Affn. (b) Non-forest land. | 31.12.2012 2452.441 Ha. 3094.832 Ha. |
| (v) | Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (data) as on (a) Forest land (b) Non-forest land. | 31.12.2015 2130.239 Ha. 2457.862 Ha. |
| 13. | Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons. | <p>The Sukinda Chromite Mines of M/s TATA Steel Ltd. is an ongoing mining project for exploitation of Chromite ore confined over the ML area of 406 ha. comprising forest land 73.697 ha. + 330.972 ha. forest land as per Sabik RoR i.e land record as on 25.10.1980 and non-forest land 1.311 ha., out of which the Govt. of India, MoEF have accorded final clearance order over 73.697 ha which was valid up to 11.01.2013. The Govt. MoEF vide letter no. 8-78/1996-FC (pt-I), dated 03.11.2014 granted Stage-I Forest Clearance with one year working permission to the user agency.</p> <p>In the meantime in view of MMDR Amendment Act' 2015 published on 27.03.2015 with effect from 12.01.2015, Govt. of Odisha was pleased to extend the validity period of above mining lease over 406 ha under Section 8A(6) of MMDR, 1957 as amended by the MMDR Amendment Act' 2015 from 12.01.2013 to 31.03.2020 vide their letter no. 7099/SM, Dt. 30.07.2015. The Supplementary Lease Deed was executed on 24.08.2015 by the lessee. The Supplementary Lease Deed was Registered on 26.08.2015. The Deputy Director Mines, Jajpur Road vide letter No 2025/Mines dated 26.08.2015 allowed to operate the mines (non captive) for the purpose of raising and removal of ore with effect from 26.08.2015.</p> <p>The mining operation is now continuing under the provision of MMDR amendment Act, 2015 and in view of Govt. of India, MoEF Circular No.F11-51/2015-FC dt.01.04.2015 and as per the order of Govt. of Odisha the 2nd renewal period is from 12.01.1993 to 31.03.2020 extending the validity of already obtained Stage-II clearance till 31.03.2020.</p> <p>About 5000 nos. of persons are to be benefitted by this mining project. The existing work strength in this mining lease is 545 nos. directly and 1190 nos. indirectly which is likely to further go up with increase in production and introduction of underground mining. The benefit to the</p> |

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| | <p>economy will also accelerate due to higher production of marketable grade chrome ore.</p> <p>In view of the above circumstances and as per the guideline dt. 10.03.2015 of GOI MoEF& CC and as per letter No. 10F (Cons.) 73/2014 9363/F & E dt. 21.05.2014 of Govt. of Odisha, the proposal for diversion of 330.972 ha. forest land i.e as on 25.10.1980 as submitted by the U/A is recommended for approval U/S 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.</p> |
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Date 11.2.2016
Place: : Cuttack

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