




viii. Whether forms part of National Park, Wild Life Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wild Life Warden to be annexed.		The applied area does not form part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. However, movement of wild elephants is often noticed in the fringe areas. The area comes under the elephant habitat zone- 2 of ORSAC, Bhubaneswar.
6. 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.		<p><b><u>Violation.</u></b></p> <p>i. Illegal dumping of ores on forest land (Gandhamardan PRF) extracted from adjoining lease Block- B in the lease hold area of Block- A of dimension 200 mt x 150 mt x 40 mt (approx.- 3.00 ha) at the common boundary with GPS location Latitude : N 21 ° 37' 04.5" Longitude : E 85 ° 30' 47.2"</p> <p>ii. 2 ha. of forest land (Gandhamardan PRF) has been illegally used for road in Block- A without approval in violation of the F.C. Act, 1980.</p> <p><b><u>Action taken.</u></b></p> <p>i. Show Cause notice has been issued to the Regional Manager, Gandhamardan Iron Ore Mines, M/s. OMC Ltd. vide letter No. 9513 dated 19.12.2011.</p> <p>ii. OR case No. 23 of 2015-16 has been booked and action is being taken for sanction and submission of prosecution in the Hon'ble Court of SDJM, Keonjhar.</p> <p><b><u>Present status</u></b></p> <p>i. Removal of dump from the OB dump site in Block- A is under progress as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide their order dated 16.04.2012 (Copy enclosed) and subsequent direction of Steel and Mines Department, Govt. of Odisha (Copy enclosed).</p> <p>ii. The lessee has represented and submitted a proposal for use of the road under question which is under consideration at the level of MoEF&amp;CC, Govt. of India.</p>
7. Site Inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) in respect to status of compliance of conditions stipulated during earlier approval.		Site Inspection report of the DCF enclosed vide <b>Annexure - XXXXV</b> .
8.Division/District Profile.		
i) Geographical area of the district.		830300.000 Ha.
ii) Forest area of the district.		336615.6293 Ha.
iii) Total Forest area diverted since 1980 with numbers.		10102.8195 Ha. (71 Nos.)

iv. Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the District/Division since 1980 on (a) Forest land including Penal compensatory afforestation.  (b) Non-forest land.	C.A. 1669.6180 ha. P.C.A. <u>4994.8675 ha.</u>  C.A- 7247.7931ha.
v. Progress of Compensatory afforestation as on (date) (a) Forest land  (b) Non-forest land.	C.A. 1152.58 ha. P.C.A. <u>2996.34 ha.</u>  C.A 5983.9016 Ha.
13. Specific recommendation of the D.C.F. for acceptance or other wise of the proposal with reasons.	<p>The applied diversion proposal over 401.7824 (375.5607 ha Gandhamardan Proposed Reserved Forest and 26.2217 ha Village forest) is under 2<sup>nd</sup> RML with effect from 21.05.2013 for a period of 20 years with validity up to 20.05.2033. However, the validity of the lease has to be appraised in the light of MMDR (amendment) Act, 2015. The proposed area is unavoidable and the barest minimum for the purpose of mining. There is no sign of prevalence of endangered, threatened and vulnerable wild fauna in the said area except movement of wild elephant often noticed in the fringe areas. The proposed land use plan for the said forest land does not have adequate safe guard measures for maintaining ecological stability. Thus, it is suggested that the lessee may be stipulated to take up intensive SMC measures to arrest plausible soil erosion and ensuring conservation of the run off. In addition, it is also suggested that the lessee may be stipulated to earmark proportionate area as deemed fit for the purpose of stacking of top soil in the proposed land use plan. The proposed diversion of forest land will not attract displacement of people.</p> <p>The said proposal is therefore submitted for necessary approval u/s- 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 taking the aforesaid facts into consideration.</p>

Date : 17-08-2015  
Place. Keonjhar

  
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