

PART – IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests categorically reviewed critically commented upon)

Recommended for diversion of 22.551 ha of forest land for iron ore mining in Rengalbeda North East Iron Ore Block under Keonjhar Forest Division of Keonjhar District, Odisha by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) Limited under section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.


(Dr. K. Murugesan)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Date: 17.10.2025

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(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)
O/o the PC.C.F. Odisha, Bhubaneswar**

In view of above observation, the PSC accepted the proposal and directed the User Agency to submit the proposal alongwith corrected documents as mentioned above for scrutiny by DFO, Jeypore & Nabarangapur Forest Division. Concerned DFOs were requested to upload the required document at their level before submitting the proposal for PSC-II.

10 WIDENING OF EXISTING 2-LANE TO 2-LANE WITH 1.5M. WIDE PAVED SHOULDER FROM KM 0/0 TO 81/00 & 93/0 TO 119/0 OF N.H-157 ON EPC MODE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER NH DIVISION SAMBALPUR
PROJECT CATEGORY : CONSTRUCTION / WIDENING OF ROAD INCLUDING APPROACH ROAD TO ROADSIDE ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING BRIDGES
FOREST AREA- 27.343 HA
PROPOSAL NO- FP/OR/ROAD/549159/2025
FOREST DIVISION- GHUMUSUR NORTH DIVISION, PHULBANI DIVISION

This is a proposal of Parivesh 1.0 and has got Stage-II / Final approval on 14.03.2024. In the implement stage of CA, the DFO, Ghumsur (N) Division has requested for change of CA site over 10.00 ha DFL land. The details was submitted to MoEF&CC, RO, Bhubaneswar on 20.06.2025 with a request to approve the change the CA site.

MoEF&CC, RO, Bhubaneswar vide their letter dated 08.08.2025 had directed to process the matter on Form-H through Parivesh Portal. As this project belongs to Parivesh 1.0 and Form-II is not there in Parivesh-1.0, Form-H uploaded by the User Agency came to PSC-I of Parivesh-2.0 for scrutiny as the system considered it as a new proposal.

MoEF&CC, New Delhi has modified a condition imposed in Stage-II / Final approval order offline in respect of diversion of 341.23 ha forest land for construction of Upper Lanth Medium Irrigation Project. Citing this example, MoEF&CC, RO, Bhubaneswar has again moved for considering the site change proposal offline vide this office Letter No.19652 dated 19.09.2025.

As it is processed offline, the PSC rejected the proposal.

11 DIVERSION OF 22.551 HA OF FOREST LAND OF RENGALBEDA NORTH EAST IRON ORE MINES UNDER BARBIL TAHASIL, BARBIL RANGE OF KEONJHAR FOREST DIVISION IN KEONJHAR DISTRICT WITHIN MINING LEASE AREA OF 24.203 HA BY OMC LTD.
PROJECT CATEGORY: MINING
FOREST AREA- 24.203 HA
FOREST DIVISION- KEONJHAR FOREST DIVISIONS
PROPOSAL NO- FP/OR/MIN/142246/2021

Rengalbeda North East Iron Ore Mines under Barbil Tahasil, Barbil Range of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar District within mining lease area of 24.203 ha has been allotted by Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha in favour of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. The Letter of Intent has been issued by Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha vide Letter No.2215/SM dated 26.02.2021 in favour of OMECL for a period of 50 years. Meanwhile, OMECL has been merged with OMC vide Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha Notification No.8533 dated

06.09.2022. The State Govt. was pleased to substitute the name of OMECL with OMCL Ltd. in LoI vide Letter No.12897/SM dated 26.12.2023.

The above proposal was applied by the Project Proponent i.e. OMECL on Parivesh-1.0. After merger of OMECL with OMC, a fresh Part-I of Form-A has been furnished by Power of Attorney holder Shri Debendra Kumar Nanda, Chief Vigilance Officer & Land Officer, OMC Ltd.

The proposal thereafter has been duly processed in hardcopy by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, RCCF, Rourkela Circle and State Nodal Officer for recommending diversion of 22.551 ha forest land for diversion under Section-2(1)(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 to Govt. of Odisha.

In the meantime, the Govt. of India, MoEF&CC (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi vide their letter dated 25.01.2024 have issued certain procedure for processing of the existing diversion proposal on Parivesh-1.0.

As per Para-2(ii) "Proposals submitted on Parivesh-1.0 which are at various stages of processing on Parivesh-1.0 may continue to be processed on Parivesh-1.0. However, to adhere the procedures laid down in the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, the minutes of the meeting of Project Screening Committee (PSC), may be attached with Part-IV of Forms and processing of proposals, involving less than 5.0 ha of forest area, through Conservator of Forests, may be treated inert for procedural / technical purposes".

Hence, this proposal is taken up in PSC meeting for recommending the proposal to State Govt.

In view of above, the PSC recommended the proposal to be forwarded to the State Govt. for grant of Forest Clearance as per Section-(16) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



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