

F.No.8-116/2002-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003
Dated the 14th August, 2003

To

The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 63.91 ha. of forest land for Mahagiri Chromite Mine of M/s Indian Charge Chrome Limited (ICCL) in Village Kaliapani under Sukinda Tehsil of Jajpur District, Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter No.10F(Cons)44/2002/14708/F&E dated: 23-8-2002 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

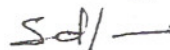
After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby agrees **in-principle** for diversion of 63.91 ha. of forest land for Mahagiri Chromite Mine of M/s Indian Charge Chrome Limited (ICCL) in Village Kaliapani under Sukinda Tehsil of Jajpur District, Orissa, subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

1. Transfer and mutation of equivalent non-forest land in favour of State Forest Department. This land shall be notified as reserved forest/protected forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927, by the State Government.
2. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation and its maintenance over equivalent non-forest land to the State Forest Department.
3. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining a Safety Zone over equivalent degraded forest land and for also raising and maintaining the plantation over an area one and half times in extent of the safety zone at the project cost.
4. The User Agency will create a Botanical Garden at the project cost where the medicinal plants of whole Orissa shall be raised and preserved. The user agency shall submit a plan in this regard in consultation with the State Forest Department.
5. FAC members will inspect the site before Stage-II clearance to have a view for stipulating other necessary conditions if any and to look in to feasibility of comprehensive integrated mining management plan of the area.
6. Other standard conditions.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions No.1, 2, 3 & 4 from the State Govt., formal approval will be issued by Central Govt. under Section-2

of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Govt. till the formal orders are issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,



(ANURAG BAJPAI)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office(EZ), Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
4. RO(Headquarters), New Delhi.
5. User Agency.
6. PS to IGF(FC)
7. Guard file.



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