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To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests
Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division)
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road
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Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Anil Kumar Sharma power of Attorney of Late Chandi Prasad Sharma for Non-forestry use of 67.352 ha. of forest land for Iron & Manganese Ore mining in village-Raikela, Bahamba & Tensa under Bonai Sub-Division in Sundargarh District of Odisha.

Ref:- Letter No.8-25/2022-FC dated 04.12.2023 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi

Sir,

In reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi has accorded '**Stage-I/in-principle**' approval vide Letter No.8-25/2022-FC dated 04.12.2023 for seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Anil Kumar Sharma power of Attorney of Late Chandi Prasad Sharma for Non-forestry use of 67.352 ha. of forest land for Iron & Manganese Ore mining in village-Raikela, Bahamba & Tensa under Bonai Sub-Division in Sundargarh District of Odisha subject to fulfillment of 32 nos. of conditions imposed therein. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Bonai Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

Condition No.(1):- Legal status of the diverted forestland shall remain unchanged.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged, is enclosed at **SI No.1 of Annexure-I.**

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Condition No. (2):- Compensatory Afforestation:

a) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an extent of 68.052 ha. of non-forest Govt. land has been identified in village San-Rengalbeda of Lahunipara Tehsil under Banki Range of Rourkela Forest Division for raising Compensatory Afforestation. The said C.A. Scheme has been technically approved by the PCCF (FD & NO FC Act), Bhubaneswar for ₹6,17,24,200/- as per matrix 2024-25 of one time cost norm with 10 years maintenance. The User Agency has deposited ₹6,17,24,200/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) vide UTR No.INDBR32024071500224550 on 15.07.2024 as per demand of the same raised by the DFO, Rourkela. The copy of payment details has been enclosed as **Annexure-2**.

The approved CA scheme will be implemented and maintained by the Divisional Forest Officer, Rourkela Forest Division

b) The Govt. non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section (s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, before the Stage-II approval;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an extent of 68.052 ha. of Non-Forest land for raising Compensatory Afforestation has been identified in village San-Rengalbeda of Lahunipara Tehsil under Banki Range of Rourkela Forest Division. The said Non-Forest land has been transferred and mutated and RoR has been issued in favour of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Department, Govt. of Odisha by the Tehsildar, Lahunipara. Further, the said non-forest Govt. land has been notified as Protected Forest under section-33 of the Orissa Forest Act, 1972 (Odisha Act -14 of 1972) vide Notification No.FE-DIV-FLD-0068-2022 (10F-(Cons)-34/2022)-114/FE&CC dt.01.01.2025. The copy of the RoR and notification are enclosed as **Annexure-3 & 4**.

c) The cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the identified CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that survey and demarcation of the identified CA land in village San-Rengalbeda of Lahunipara Tehsil under Banki Range of Rourkela Forest Division has been taken up by the User Agency in due consultation with the Range Officer, Banki Range of Rourkela Forest Division.

The boundary has been surveyed and demarcated by posting RCC pillars of size 1.25 m x 20 cm x 20 cm at visible distance, which have been embedded in the ground and one signboard has been affixed at the site.

The scheme includes afforestation of indigenous species such as Pongamia pinata(Karanja), Azadiracta indica (Neem), Acacia catechu (Khaira), Terminalia belerica (Bahada), Gmelina arborea(Gambhar), Terminallia tomentosa (Asan), Terminallia arjuna (Arjun), Cassia fistula (Sunari), Dendrocalamus strictus (Salia Bamboo), Dalbergia latifolia (Pahadi Sissoo) & other species. An extent of 68.052 ha. of Non-Forest land for Compensatory afforestation has been identified in village San-Rengalbeda of Lahunipara Tehsil under Banki Range of Rourkela Forest Division. Accordingly the C.A. Scheme has been approved by the PCCF (FD & NO FC Act), Bhubaneswar for ₹6,17,24,200/- with maintenance of 10 years.

d) The compensatory afforestation over Govt. non-forest land (67.352 ha) equal in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. 67.352 ha shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost within three years from the date of grant of Stage - II approval;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that an extent of 68.052 ha. of non-forest land for raising Compensatory Afforestation has been identified in village San-Rengalbeda of Lahunipara Tehsil under Banki Range of Rourkela Forest Division. Accordingly the C.A. Scheme has been technically approved by the PCCF (FD & NO FC Act), Bhubaneswar for ₹6,17,24,200/- as per matrix 20024-25 of one time cost norm.

The User Agency has deposited ₹6,17,24,200/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) on 15.7.2024 as per demand of the same raised by the DFO, Rourkela. The copy of payment details in this regard has been enclosed as **Annexure-2**.

The approved CA scheme will be implemented and maintained by the Divisional Forest Officer, Rourkela Forest Division within three years from the date of grant of Stage-II approval.

e) User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 metre from outer perimeter of the mining lease. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MoEF&CC before Stage-II Clearance;

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Scheme for Gap Plantation and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.40) located in the area within 100 metre from outer perimeter of the mining lease submitted by the User Agency through the DFO, Bonai over an area of 28.271 ha has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for ₹1,90,94,600/- at the wage rate of ₹450.00 per MD vide office Memo No.1387 dt.27.3.2024. The copy of Scheme and sanction order are enclosed as **Annexure-5 & 6.**

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the Scheme which is enclosed at **SI No.2 of Annexure-1.**

Condition No.(3):- NPV:

a) The User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 06.01.2022 read with 22.03.2022 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency had deposited ₹ 4,94,32,680/- through Demand Draft No.094965 dated 25.06.2010 towards NPV over 67.716 ha. of forest area @ ₹ 7.30 Lakh per ha., in State Specific CAMPA account. Copy of the DD and letter of DFO, Bonai Division is enclosed as **Annexure-7.**

Further, the User Agency was demanded to deposit ₹4,73,29,918/- towards differential cost of NPV over 67.352 ha. @ ₹14,36,670/- per ha. vide DFOs letter No.84 dt.3.1.2024. Accordingly, the User Agency has deposited a sum of ₹ 4,73,29,918/- towards differential cost of NPV over 67.352 ha. of entire forest land @ ₹14,36,670/- per ha. through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) vide UTR No.INDBR32024031200116369 dated 12.03.2024. The copy of deposit slips and letter of the DFO are enclosed as **Annexure-8.**

Thus, in total, the User Agency has deposited a sum of ₹9,67,62,598/- (₹4,94,32,680/- + ₹4,73,29,918/-) towards NPV of entire forest area in the lease.

b) At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, which is enclosed at **SI No.3 of Annexure-1.**

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Condition No. (4):- *The State Government shall ensure that following measures as suggested by the Superintending Engineer, Rourkela Irrigation Division for protection of the adjoining nala shall be implemented at the project cost:*

- a) Embankment on both side of the Nalla to be ensured for preventing Pollution of streams;*
- b) Vegetation improvement on both side of the stream needs to be ensured (50 m. on both side;*
- c) Artificial trenches (Canals) surrounding overburden dumping to be ensured for avoiding erosion of overburden to the streams;*
- d) Water quality need to be checked regularly by the concerned authority;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that a scheme for protection of adjoining nala within the Mining Lease ensuring the measures as suggested by the SE, Rourkela Irrigation Division submitted by the DFO, Bonai Division has been technically approved by him for ₹61,47,000/- and the copy of approved scheme, is enclosed as **Annexure-9**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the scheme, which is enclosed at **SI No.4 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (5):- *The State Govt. shall ensure that the temple in the area proposed for diversion shall be kept untouched as the temple area is not included in the mining plan;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that the temple in the area proposed for diversion shall be kept untouched as the temple area is not included in the mining plan, which is enclosed at **SI No.5 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No.(6):- *As reported by the State Govt. 6.884 ha forest area within the mining lease was broken up without prior approval of the Central Government under FCA, 1980. Also, the DFO has reported that an area 0.05 ha of PRF land was also broken up for which an offence case was booked. Therefore, for utilization of forest land (i.e. 6.884 ha) for which NPV was paid without prior approval under FCA, 1980 will be treated as a case of violation and shall be dealt as per para 1.21(ii)a of the Handbook of guidelines for the payment of due penal NPV. Further, for the additional area broken up by the UA for mining activities as reported by the State Govt. the NPV and penal NPV shall be charged accordingly;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the User Agency was demanded to pay a sum of ₹5,03,07,442/- towards Penal NPV vide DFOs Letter No.579 dt.16.1.2025. Further, the User Agency has deposited ₹5,03,07,442/- towards Penal NPV through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) vide UTR No.ICICR52025012100453426 on 21.01.2025. The copy of payment details is enclosed as **Annexure-9A Series**.

Condition No.(7):- *The CA area has been provided over 67.052 ha NFL; therefore, the State Govt. shall ensure that the equivalent non-forest land to the extent of the forest land being diverted will be provided;*

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that now an extent of 68.052 ha. of Non-Forest land has been identified for Compensatory afforestation in village San-Rengalbeda of Lahunipara Tehsil under Banki Range of Rourkela Forest Division. Accordingly, the C.A. Scheme has been prepared by the DFO, Rourkela Division in lieu of 67.352 ha of forest land being diverted which has been approved by the PCCF (FD & NO FC Act), Bhubaneswar for ₹6,17,24,200/- with a maintenance period of 10 years.

The User Agency has deposited ₹ 6,17,24,200/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) on 15.7.2024 (**Copy enclosed as Annexure-2**).

The approved CA scheme will be implemented and maintained by the Divisional Forest Officer, Rourkela Forest Division.

Condition No. (8):- Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, into the account of CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that all funds received from the User Agency under the project have been transferred / deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). The Statement of funds deposited by the user agency, duly signed by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division and countersigned by the Additional PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) in prescribed CAMPA format is enclosed as **Annexure-21**.

Condition No.(9):- The KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e- green watch portal along with GPS Ids and all other requisite details prior to Stage-II approval;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the KML file of the area to be diverted and the CA areas have been uploaded on the e-green watch portal. Further, the KML file is enclosed in Pen drive.

Condition No. (10):- Following activities, as per approved plan / schemes, shall be undertaken in the lease area by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department. Approved scheme/plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with compliance of Stage-I approval:

a) Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream shall be implemented within a period of three years with effect from the issue of Stage-II clearance in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the Scheme for mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams submitted by the User Agency through the DFO, Bonai has been technically approved by him for ₹73,74,900/-

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at the wage rate of ₹450.00 per MD vide Memo No.1387 dt.27.03.2024 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-5). The copy of approved Scheme is enclosed as Annexure-10.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the scheme which is enclosed at SI No.7 of Annexure-1.

b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the Scheme for Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area submitted by the User Agency through the DFO, Bonai has been technically approved by him for ₹23,38,200/- at the wage rate of ₹450.00 per MD vide office Memo No.1387 dt.27.03.2024 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-5). The copy of approved Scheme is enclosed as Annexure-11.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the scheme, which is enclosed at SI No.8 of Annexure-1.

c) Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted a Scheme for construction of check dams, retention / toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour through the DFO, Bonai which has been technically approved by him vide office Memo No.1387 dt.27.03.2024 with no budgetary provision as the financial provision for the same has already been provided in the scheme prepared in compliance with Condition No.10(a) above.(Copy enclosed as Annexure-5). The copy of approved Scheme is enclosed as Annexure-12.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the scheme, which is enclosed at SI No.9 of Annexure-1.

d) Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted a Scheme for stabilization of the overburden dumps by appropriate grading / benching so as to ensure that the angle of repose at any given place is less than 28° through the DFO, Bonai which has been technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle vide office Memo No.1387 dt.27.03.2024 with no budgetary provision as the financial provision for the same has already been provided in the scheme prepared in compliance with Condition No.10(a) above. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-5). The copy of approved Scheme is enclosed as Annexure-13.

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Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the scheme which is enclosed at SI No.10 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (11):- Safety Zone Management:

Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines:

a) User agency shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the State Forest Department;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the Range Officer, Barsuan has intimated vide his Memo No.40 dt.10.1.2025 that the User Agency has demarcated the safety zone (7.5 meter strip all along inner boundary of the mining lease area) by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers in order to ensure its fencing, protection and regeneration in the Safety Zone Scheme and the same will be implemented after grant of final approval. The copy of the aforesaid memo of the Range Officer, Barsuan is enclosed as **Annexure-13A**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to abide the same which is enclosed at SI No.11 of Annexure-1.

b) Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to maintain the Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, properly fenced, which is enclosed at SI No.12 of Annexure-1

c) Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that The scheme for fencing, protection and regeneration of safety zone over 2.836 Ha. of forest land submitted by the DFO, Bonai has been technically approved by him with financial outlay of ₹1,32,54,300/- vide office Memo No.1390 dt.27.03.2024. The scheme will be implemented by the user Agency at the project cost in a phased manner. The copy of the approved scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-14**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the scheme, which is enclosed at **SI No.13 of Annexure-1**.

d) The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that the safety zone shall be maintained as per the prescribed norms, which is enclosed at **SI No.14 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (12):- *No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported the User Agency has submitted a Scheme for Top soil management through the DFO, Bonai which has been technically approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle for ₹45,11,900/- at the wage rate of ₹450.00 per MD vide Memo No.1387 dt.27.3.2024 (**Copy enclosed as Annexure-5**). The copy of approved Scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-15**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the scheme which is enclosed at **SI No.15 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (13):- *The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake de-silting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed approved plan for de-silting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II approval;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that 2 nos. of village tanks have been identified in village Dengula and Bandhal for de-siltation. The scheme for de-siltation of the village tank and other water bodies located within 5 Km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/ water bodies submitted by the User Agency through the DFO, Bonai has been technically approved by him for ₹1,49,35,600/- at the wage rate of ₹450.00 per MD vide Memo No.1387 dt.27.3.2024 (**Copy enclosed as Annexure-5**). The copy of approved Scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-16**.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the scheme which is enclosed at **SI No.16 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (14):- *The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;*

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to deposit the cost of felling of trees with the Forest Department, which is enclosed at SI No.17 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (15):- *Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to take up tree felling in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO, which is enclosed at SI No.18 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (16):- *The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department, which is enclosed at SI No.19 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (17):- *A site-specific Wildlife Management Plan shall be prepared by the State Government in consultation with the PCCF (Wildlife) for the protection and conservation of wildlife of the area. A copy of approved Plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with the compliance of Stage-I approval. Entire cost of implementation of the provisions of the Wildlife Management Plan shall be deposited into the account of CAMPA of the State;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been prepared and the same has been approved by the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his Memo No.4152 dt.6.4.2024 with a financial out of ₹598.1956 Lakhs (Bonai Division-₹530.6200 Lakhs + Keonjhar Division-67.5756 Lakhs). Further, the User Agency has deposited ₹5,98,19,560/- towards cost of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan through e-portal of MoEF & CC (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) vide UTR No.INDBR32024042500312283 on 25.4.2024 as per Challan dated 24.04.2024. The copy of payment details alongwith sanction order and the approved Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan are enclosed as Annexure-17.

Further, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to implement the intervention as mentioned in the Site Specific Wildlife

Conservation Plan for the core zone under the guidance DFO, Bonai Division which is enclosed at SI No.20 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (18):- State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence, along with compliance of Stage-I approval, as prescribed by this Ministry's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (Pt.) dated 03.08.2009 read with 05.07.2013, in support thereof;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the Collector, Sundargarh has issued certificate under Forest Right Act,2006 for the entire forest land over 67.352 ha. vide his Letter No.2059 dt.25.6.2010 over 50.372 ha and Letter No.1216 dt.25.04.2023 over 16.98 ha. totaling of 67.352 ha. The FRA certificate along with Gram Sabha resolution are enclosed as Annexure-18 & 19.

Condition No. (19):- The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concern Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that they shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area and to submit the annual report in time, which is enclosed at SI No.21 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (20):- The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on regrassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that they shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on regrassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner, which is enclosed at SI No.22 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (21):- Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended time to time and the Rules framed there-under;

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the period of diversion of forest land under this proposal will be co-terminus with the period of the mining lease as amended vide the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 and the Rules framed thereunder i.e. 50 years from the date of execution of mining lease.

Condition No. (22):- *The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the Environmental clearance has been granted by the MoEF, Govt. of India vide Letter No. J-11015/481/2007-IA.II (M) dt.16.06.2008. The copy of the Environmental Clearance is enclosed as **Annexure-20**.

Condition No.(23):- *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas which is enclosed at **SI No.23 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (24):- *The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the Range Officer, Barsuan Range has intimated vide his Memo No.40 dt.10.1.2025 that the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, have been demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates. The details are enclosed as **Annexure-20A**.

Condition No. (25):- *The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that the layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which is enclosed at **SI No.24 of Annexure-1**.

Condition No. (26):- *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government, which is enclosed at SI No.25 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (27):- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which is enclosed at SI No.26 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (28):- *The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that they shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to the Ministry by the end of March every year regularly which is enclosed at SI No.27 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (29):- *Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division to abide by any other condition of the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry that they may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife which is enclosed at SI No.28 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (30):- *The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that they shall comply all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order

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(s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project which is enclosed at SI No.29 of Annexure-1.

Condition No. (31):- Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that they shall ensure compliance to the provisions of all Acts, Rules and Regulation as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 which is enclosed at SI No.30 of Annexure-1.

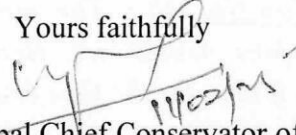
Condition No.(32):- The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division that the compliance report will be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) of GoI, MoEF & CC., which is enclosed at SI No.32 of Annexure-1.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval for seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Anil Kumar Sharma power of Attorney of Late Chandi Prasad Sharma for Non-forestry use of 67.352 ha. of forest land for Iron & Manganese Ore mining in village-Raikela, Bahamba & Tensa under Bonai Sub-Division in Sundargarh District of Odisha for approval under Section-2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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Yours faithfully


Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

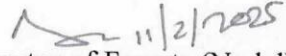
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Copy forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.8-25/2022-FC dated 04.12.2023 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi and FE&CC Department Letter No. 26362/FE&CC dated 21.12.2023.

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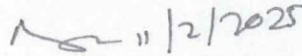
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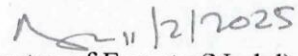
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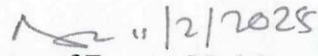
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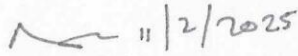
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Copy forwarded to Anil Sharma, Power of Attorney holder of Sri C.P. Sharma, Mines owner, At/Po-Chaibasa, Dist-Singhbhum (West), Jharkhand-833201 for information with reference to Memo No.442 dated 29.01.2025 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)