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Memo No. 3300 /5F (Forest Diversion) 523/2022

Dated, Cuttack the 03rd May, 2023

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Angul Circle, Angul.

Sub: -

Diversion of balance forest land of 162.42 ha including 24.150 ha of forest land to be maintained safety zone (as per Subik settlement record as on 25.10.1980 and after 25.10.1980) excluding the 104.79 ha forest land already diverted pertaining to total ML area of 382.709 ha of Sukurungi Chromite Mines of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd spread over village like Kamarda, Ostapal, Saruabil, Sukurungi, Talangi and Forest Block No. 27 of Mahagiri DPF in Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District under Cuttack Forest Division, Odisha during extended period of mining lease up to 31.03.2020 as per MMDR Amendment Act, 2015.

Ref: -

- (i) Letter No. 8-22/2016 (FC) dt. 21.04.2023 of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India.
(ii) Memo No.8782/FE & CC dt.29.04.2023 of Government of Odisha, FE & CC Deptt.

In inviting a kind reference to the above cited subject, it is to inform you that, the point wise compliance of the observations raised by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India is furnished herewith for onward transmission.

- In the matter of compliance to short coming vide point (i), this is to inform that no representation/ complain has ever been received in this office from any one about any illegal tree felling or non-forest use over the above lease area of Sukurungi Chromite Mines of M/S Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. More ever, each allegation of illegal clearing of trees and shrubs received, has been promptly acted upon and when ever and where ever there is any truth about such allegation found, action deemed proper has been taken as per provision of law.

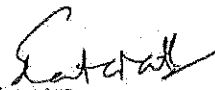
No complain or representation regarding violation of FC Act in Sukinda Tehsil related mining operation either by the applicant or any other user agency has been filed in this Division. It is pertinent to mention here that it is primary duty of this division to enquire into

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and to initiate proper legal action against every illegal activity constituting forest offence under Acts and Rules.

2. In compliance to point (ii) , this is to inform that, OSCOW-MAG (Odisha State Comprehensive Wildlife Management Guidance) is a document , which was prepared division wise, for necessary guidance on the conservation of wildlife within the Division and is to be referred with the existing working plan and wildlife management plan, pertains to wildlife specific activities to be undertaken comprehensively with general forest protection. It differs from RWLMP (Regional Wildlife Management Plan) which is a document prepared for identifying specific wildlife issues while prescribing possible protection and mitigation measures on landscape basis comprising two or more divisions. As OSCOW-MAG is a voluminous document prepared division wise, it is not possible to submit such books for all divisions of the state.
3. The point wise compliance of the conditions stipulated in previously accorded approvals under FCA, 1980 related to instant project which has been obtained for 104.79 ha forest land already diverted, has been annually furnished by the User Agency i.e. Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. on regular basis. However as sought for , the latest compliance to the conditions are submitted in annexure-1.


Divisional Forest Officer
Cuttack Forest Division

Copy for kind information to:

- (i) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- (ii) The Executive Director (F & E), Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., OMC House, Bhubaneswar.