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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi: 110003,

Dated: 11th October, 2021

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 86.479 ha of forest land, comprising of 85.175 ha of fresh forest land and 1.304 ha re-diversion of forest land (which is part of 11.912 ha forest land, granted Stage-II approval by ERO, MoEF & CC on 29.05.2020) in favour of M/s OMC Ltd for construction of overhead piped conveyor belt from Kurmitar ML Boundary to proposed Railway Siding in Tahasil Lahunipara, District-Sundargarh (Odisha) – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. 15517/9F(Misc)-51/2020 dated 07.09.2021, received online on 15.09.2021, on the above subject forwarding a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 04.02.2021 read with 08.02.2021 and to say that examination of said compliance report in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. Record of consultation of Forest Right Committee and Gram Sabha, stated to be enclosed at Annexure in the District Collector certificate dated 28.09.2020, has not been received along with the compliance. Copy of the same may be furnished by the State.
- ii. KML files of the area proposed for CA, in lieu of diversion of extant project have not been uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal. The State Government in consultation with NIC may get the proposal listed on the E-Green Watch portal and upload the KML files in compliance of condition no. (11) of Stage-I approval.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit information on the above to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Charan Jeet Singh)

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Copy to:

1. PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. Regional Office, Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File