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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi-110 003,
Dated: 26 October, 2017.

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Diversion of balance 7.397 ha of SabikKisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 in addition to already diverted forest land of 66.38 ha. for Chromite mining in their Mahagiri Chromite Mine of 73.777 ha in Jajpur District, Odisha under Cuttack Forest Division by M/s Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd.

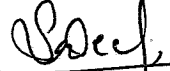
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter no. 2003/9F (MG)-360/2016 dated 11.10.2017 on the above-mentioned subject, wherein State Government has submitted compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 20.10.2016 and to say that examination of the said compliance in the Ministry revealed following shortcomings:

- i. Fund of Rs.53,99,810/- towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) is not reflected as paid on e-portal of the website of the Ministry.
- ii. The conditions no. (ix) and (x) of Stage-I approval for payment of penal NPV and penal CA respectively have not been complied with.
- iii. In compliance of conditions no. (xi) of Stage-I approval, it is mentioned that the scheme for fencing, protection & regeneration of said safety zone around the lease hold area has been duly approved by the RCCF, Angul vide his letter memo no. 32 dated 02.01.2017 with a financial outlay of Rs.29,150/- (Rupees twenty nine thousand one hundred fifty only). But the stated scheme does not seem to be enclosed with the compliance. **Moreover, it is not clear whether the safety zone would be maintained as per the Ministry's guidelines dated 27.05.2015 and part of the total area of mining lease.**
- iv. In compliance to condition no. (xviii), a copy of approved concurrent reclamation plan is not given.

Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information/documents on above points to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully

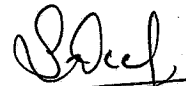


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1. The PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.



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