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To

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

Sub: Proposal for change in land use pattern over an area of 0.636 ha of forest land out of 2.411 ha earmarked for magazine/safety zone from already diverted 48.632 ha of forest land in favour of M/s M/s Penguin Trading & Agencies Ltd. for Raikela & Tantra Iron Mines in Sundargarh District (Odisha) – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter no. 18334/9F (MG)-6/2020 dated 30.10.2021, on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal was examined by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 21.09.2022. The minutes of the FAC meeting may be accessed at www.parivesh.nic.in. The Committee, after detailed discussion and deliberation, observed that the proposal for change in land use is not only limited to area located in the safety zone, as proposed by the State; the proposal for change in land use extends to almost all project components. Therefore, proposal in its present form cannot be considered for approval and accordingly recommended that State Government may submit a revised proposal recasting details of all land uses proposed to be changed in the proposal, as per the land use envisaged in the approved Mining Plan of the mining lease.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o PCCF, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell
6. Guard file