

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

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Dated: 4th October, 2023

To

DDGF (Central),
 MoEF&CC's Integrated Regional Office,
 At Bhubaneswar (Odisha)

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Bhusan Power & Steel Limited for non-forestry use of 112.621 ha of Forest land (including 1.808 ha earmarked for Safety Zone) in village Baldihi under Koira Tahasil and Koira Range of Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District within the block area of 139.223 ha in respect of Netrabandha Pahar Iron Ore Block in Odisha State (Online proposal no. FP/OR/MIN/26965/2017).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this office letter of even no. dated 16.08.2023 regarding above mentioned subject, wherein it was inter-alia mentioned that the detailed consultations with the State Govt. authorities and other stakeholders including mining lessees shall be carried out by the DDGF (C) Bhubaneswar by involving Ministry officials and WII and report shall be submitted in 45 days. As more than 70 days have already elapsed and such report has not yet been received, DDGF(C) Bhubaneswar should expedite the consultations and submit the requisite report immediately. The consultations are also required to be carried out for taking a decision on other such proposals pertaining to Netrabandha Pahar.

In this regard, Dr. Soma Das, Regional Director, FSI Kolkata is hereby nominated to represent MoEF&CC during such consultations. The detail of proposals where consultations are pending is as under:

S.N.	Subject	Ministry's File No.	Ministry's letter date
1.	Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Raga Tradecon Pvt. Ltd. for grant of mining lease over 66.242 ha of forest within Netrabandha Pahar (west) iron ore block in Villages Baldihi and Sanua under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District of Odisha State (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/153576/2022)	8-14/2023-FC	2.09.2023
2.	Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 42.608 ha of forest land (16.658 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 25.950 ha in Bonai Forest Division) within Kalmang West (Northern Part) Block for Iron Ore Mines in Keonjhar and Sundargarh	8-13/2022-FC	20.09.2023

	District of Odisha, allotted to M/s Tata Steel BSL Limited (Formerly known as Bhusan Steel Ltd) (Online proposal no. FP/OR/MIN/49169/2020).		
3.	Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Bhusan Power & Steel Limited for non-forestry use of 112.621 ha of Forest land (including 1.808 ha earmarked for Safety Zone) in village Baldihi under Koira Tahasil and Koira Range of Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District within the block area of 139.223 ha in respect of Netrabandha Pahar Iron Ore Block in Odisha State (Online proposal no. FP/OR/MIN/26965/2017).	8-31/2022-FC	16.08.2023
4.	Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Thriveni Earthmovers private Limited for non-forestry use of 94.351 ha of forest land including 4.261 ha of Safety Zone (3.858 ha along the ML boundary and 0.403 ha along the PWD road) within the granted Lol for ML over 131.800 ha for Laserda Pacheri Manganese & Iron Ore Block in Keonjhar district of Odisha - reg. (Online Proposal no. FP/OR/MIN/149499/2021).	8-02/2023-FC	20.09.2023

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. Dr. Soma Das, Regional Director, FSI Kolkata for necessary action
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.