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

Sub Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of balance forest land of 89.961 ha (Fresh area 79.367 ha and 10.594 ha earlier diverted area for renewal and land use change) (originally proposed area of 84.707 ha) in favour of Shri Avin Jain (Heir of late Shri DC Jain) for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines located in Baitrani RF II, District Keojhar (Odisha)-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons.) 179/2015/16479/F & E Bhubaneswar dated 15.09.2015 on the above mentioned subject for seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Further, it is informed that the proposal along with additional information submitted by the State Govt. vide letter dated FE-DIV-FLD-0101-2021-12349/FE&CC dated 18/09/2015 (MG) -18/2015 dated 11.09.2025 was considered by the Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26.09.2025. After the examination of the proposal, the Advisory committee has deferred the proposal; for want of the following document/ information:

- i. The 10.594 hectares area which is already diverted is represented by multiple small, scattered patches throughout the proposed lease, rather than as a single consolidated block. Therefore, the State shall verify the precise location of the 10.594 hectares of diverted area and submit a detailed layout of the same supported by documentary evidence.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Sundar)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

