

File No.:8-09/2025-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per e-sign.

To,

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Regional Office of MoEF&CC,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 12.565 ha of forest land including safety zone of (1.020 ha) within the mining lease area of 18.00 ha in respect of Bhanjapali Iron Ore Mines under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District by Sri JN Patnaik (Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/27247/2017) -reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0022-2025-29563/FE&CC dated 20.09.2025 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to request that the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for compensatory afforestation and submit Site Inspection Report (SIR) to this Ministry with clear recommendations of Regional Office for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.