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

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Dated: 11th November, 2022

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

Sub: Proposal for adjustment of Rs.899.198 lakhs (SSWLCP Demand note dated.11.03.2022) and Rs.9,34,88,270/- (CA and NPV) demand note dtd.05.04.2022 and 07.04.2022 against the already deposited amount of Rs. 48,71 ,31 ,000/- towards lumpsum amount @ 7.50 lakh/ha (for total forest area within the ML) in respect of Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Limited - Clarification- reg.

Sir,
        I am directed to refer to State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0120-2021-10135/FE&CC dated 04.06.2022, seeking approval of Central Government to adjust funds paid in excess by User Agency against the instant proposal. The proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 17.10.2022 and the minutes of the said meeting may be accessed at: *www.parivesh.nic.in*. The FAC, after detailed deliberations, observed that issue related to adjustment to NPV is purely an administrative matter and the Ministry, in its guidelines dated 31.03.2020 and subsequent clarification dated 12.10.2021, has already clarified that such adjustment can be undertaken at the State Government level only.

        In view of above, I am directed to request the State Government to take appropriate action in the matter related to the adjustment of NPV in accordance with the guidelines and clarification issued by the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard file