

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

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Dated: 11th November, 2022

To,
The Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 697.979 ha of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tehsil of Koraput District, Odisha by M/s NALCO Ltd.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0056-2022-11955/FE&CC dated 08.07.2022 and no. 20420/9F (MG) – 337/2021 dated 06.10.2022, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in the meeting held on 17.10.2022 and the minutes of the said meeting may be accessed at: www.parivesh.nic.in. The FAC, after going through the facts of the proposal, desired that IRO, Bhubaneswar of the Ministry at Bhubaneswar should visit the area to ascertain and report on the following:

- i. Project components in general and infrastructure in particular needs to be examined in details with regard to its legitimacy and indispensability for the project.

In view of the above, IRO, Bhubaneswar is requested to submit a report, as above, enabling further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. 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.
6. Guard File.