

File No.:8-31/2022-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 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 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- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Ministry's letter of even number dated 13.11.2025 (copy enclosed) on above subject.

In this context reference is drawn to Gazette Notification dated 31.08.2025 in the para no. 13 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Amendment Rules, 2025, where it has been clarified that:

- i. *against sl No. 4, in the entries under column 2, for the words "twenty years", the words "at least ten years" shall be substituted;*
- ii. *against sl no. 5, in the entries under column 2, for the words "twenty years", the words "at least ten years" shall be substituted.*

Given the above, it is hereby conveyed that that the observation no. (i) of EDS letter dated 13.11.2025 stand withdrawn. All remaining contents of the letter dated 13.11.2025 stand.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

(Prashant Rajagopal)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.