

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

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**Dated: 17th January, 2021**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for change in the name of the User Agency from M/s Essar Steel India Ltd to M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited in respect of non-forestry use of 120.838 ha of forest land granted under Section 2 (ii) and 126.401 ha of forest land granted under Section 2 (iii) of the FC Act, 1980 for iron ore mining in Ghoraburhani-Sagasahi Iron Ore Block located in villages Sagasahi, Kalmang, Ghoraburhani and Mendhamaruni PRF-I in Koira Tehsil and Koira Range under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District (Odisha) - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter no. FE/DIV-FLD-0034-2020-20360/F&E dated 15.12.2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for change in name of user agency from M/s Essar Steel India Ltd to M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited in respect of in-principal approval dated 6.03.2019 granted under Section 2 (ii) for diversion of 120.838 ha of forest land under Section 2 (iii) for 126.401 ha of forest land, including 5.563 ha of safety zone in favour of M/s Essar Steel India Ltd and final approval granted vide letter dated 15.12.2020 read with letter dated 31.12.2020.

In this regard it is to inform that the matter has been examined in the Ministry and it is revealed that the name of the User Agency stood changed at the time of submission of the compliance of Stage-I approval dated 6.03.2019 by the State vide its letter No. 18092 9 F (MG)-1/2018 dated 15.10.2020. However, this fact was not reported by the State at the time of submission of the compliance of Stage-I approval. A clarification in this regard is desired from the State.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit a clarification to the Ministry, as indicated above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-

**(Sandeep Sharma)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. PCCF (HoFF), State Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC,

Bhubaneswar.

3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Forest Deptt, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.
6. Guard file.