

**Reminder**

**F. No. 8-61/2016-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(FC Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,  
New Delhi - 110003.  
**Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018**

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Maharashtra,  
Mumbai.

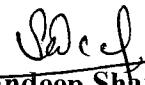
**Sub.: Proposal for prior approval under section 2 (iii) of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for 153.09 ha forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Surjagad Wooria Hill Bhamragad, Tahsil Etapali, Dist. Gadchiroli in favour of Gopani Iron & Power (India) Pvt. Ltd.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017 conveying approval of competent authority for keeping the above subject proposal in abeyance till a speaking order regarding validity of letter of intent (LOI) in favour of M/S Gopani Iron & Power (India) Pvt. Ltd valid after 11.01.17 is received from the competent authority in the State Government in compliance of the Court order dated 12.09.2017. But the same is still awaited.

In view of above, the State Government is once again requested to kindly expedite the requisite information for further consideration of this proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 6.8.18

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Nagpur.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Divisions, MoEF&CC.
5. Guard File.

  
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