

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

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**Dated: As per E-sign**

To,  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Jharkhand,  
Ranchi.

**Subject: Proposal for diversion of 247.50 ha of forest land out of total lease area of 1936.06 ha in favour of M/s Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for iron ore mining in Kiriburu- Meghahatuburu group of Iron Ore mines located in District West Singhbhum (Jharkhand) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-29/2008-4670/V.P. dated 09.12.2024 on above mentioned subject forwarding information as sought by the Ministry vide letter of even no. dated 26.04.2024 and to say that after examination of the same the following has been observed:

- i. The copy of Site Specific Wildlife & Biodiversity Conservation Plan has not been submitted by the State Govt which needs to be submitted. Moreover the State Government shall also ensure that the activities/work components to be implemented by the user agency at its own cost shall be carried out under the strict supervision of State Forest Department and the total amount as per approved Site Specific Wildlife & Biodiversity Conservation Plan shall be deposited in NCAMPA account. The documentary evidence of the deposits made in NCAMPA account shall be provided by the State Govt.
- ii. The State Government has informed that Integrated Wildlife Management Plan is under consideration at the level of Chief Wildlife Warden and has mentioned that an amount of Rs. 21,74,54,000/- towards 2% of total project cost has been deposited in NCAMPA account. However, as per the details available online the said amount of Rs. 21,74,54,000/- is shown **Un-paid**. This needs clarification and documentary evidence of the deposits made in NCAMPA account shall be provided by the State Govt.
- iii. The Regional Office, Ranchi has not submitted their monitoring report and comments whether the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the earlier approvals is satisfactory or otherwise. The same need to be furnished by the Regional Office.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish information with respect points (i) & (ii), as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Signed by

Dheeraj Mittal

Yours sincerely,

Date: 02-01-2025 16:59:12

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi with request to submit monitoring report and comments as per point (iii) above;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.