

F. No. 8-31/2015-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi – 1100 03.
Dated: 06th January, 2016

To,

**The Direct General,
Forest Survey of India,
Dehradun,
Uttarakhand.**

Sub.: Proposal for diversion of balance forest land of 84.707 ha including 4.488 ha coming within the safety zone within the applied RML area 101.171 ha located entirely within the Baitrani RF II of Keonjhar district (excluding 16.464 ha of forest land inclusive of 0.812 ha. of safety zone broken up prior to 1980 already diverted under FC Act, 1980 earlier during Original Mining lease period) for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines by M/s D. C. Jain during Mining lease Period to be granted / executed under MMDR Amendment Act, 2015.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons.) 179/2015/16479/F & E Bhubaneswar dated 15.09.2015 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of balance forest land of 84.707 ha including 4.488 ha coming within the safety zone within the applied RML area 101.171 ha located entirely within the Baitrani RF II of Keonjhar district (excluding 16.464 ha of forest land inclusive of 0.812 ha. of safety zone broken up prior to 1980 already diverted under FC Act, 1980 earlier during Original Mining lease period) for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines by M/s D. C. Jain during Mining lease Period to be granted / executed under MMDR Amendment Act, 2015, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting convened on 24th December, 2015 constituted by the Central Government under section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

After examination of the said proposal FAC, *inter – alia* recommended that:-

- (a) The Shape files of the proposed area shall be provided to FSI, Dehradun so that the status of the forest land can be reconfirmed in accordance with the draft criteria for classifying forest as *inviolate*.

Accordingly, I am directed to enclose a CD containing the shape files of the proposed land for diversion under this project and FSI Dehradun is requested to examine and submit a report about inviolate area to this Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

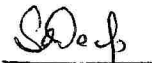


(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.



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