

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

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Dated: 15 December, 2022

To,
Principle Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal 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 by M/s Bhusan Power & Steel Limited under section 2 (ii) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980-reg


Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0088-2022-19934/FE&CC dated 09.11.2022, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that after examination of said proposal in the ministry, it is desired to obtain the following information from the State:

- i. KML/Shape file of the degraded forest land proposed for afforestation in lieu of safety zone area has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.
- ii. Site suitability of the CA sites may be provided by the State
- iii. Since it is an elephant area, specific recommendations of CWLW in the matter may be provided by the State.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish the above information to this Ministry at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.