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

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**Dated: 16th December, 2021**

To

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

**Sub: Transfer of process of forest clearance of Radhikapur East Coal Mine in favour of M/s EMIL Mines and Mineral Resources Ltd. - Proposal for non-forestry use of 230.0899 ha (including 14.1709 ha in safety zone) of Forest Land for Radhikapur (East) Coal Mine of M/s Tata Sponge Iron Ltd. in villages namely Nandichod, Gopinathpur Jungle, Jhintipal, Jhintipal Jungle and Kosala under Angul Forest Division of Angul district of Odisha - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 11.04.2014 on the above subject conveying withhold of the process of the approval of the extant proposal and Addl. Secretary, Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal's DO No. NA-104/15/2020-NA dated 30.03.2021 requesting facilitation of the proposal submitted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the User Agency i.e. EMIL Mines and Mineral Resources Ltd's letter no. EMMRL/RE/FC Stage-I/MOEF/01/2021 dated 27.10.2021 for consideration and approval of Government of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 and to say that the above proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 26.11.2021. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 26.11.2021 is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

The FAC, after detailed deliberations and discussion with the Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha and DDG, IRO Bhubaneswar recommended to transfer the process of obtaining forest clearance from the erstwhile user agency to new agency M/s EMIL Mines and Minerals Resources Limited (EMMRL). The FAC also **recommended to defer the proposal** and sought following information from the State Government and IRO, Bhubaneswar:

- i. A site inspection report of the IRO, Bhubaneswar, as requested vide Ministry's letter dated 21.06.2021.
- ii. Comments of the State Government on revalidating the various parameters of the proposals, as sought by the Ministry in its letter dated 21.06.2021.
- iii. Possibilities may be explored by the State to consolidate large number of isolated patches into a fewer patches with larger areas for the ease of their subsequent protection and management.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish

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information/documents, as indicated above, as per the recommendation of FAC for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/  
**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar **with a request to submit Site Inspection Report (SIR) as requested vide Ministry's letter dated 21.06.2021 for further consideration of the proposal.**
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC.
6. Guard File