

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

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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 23.80 ha of forest land (as per Sabik records as on 25.10.1980) including 2.240 ha of forest land in safety zone area for chromite ore mining from their Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines by M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. (FACOR Ltd.) in Cuttack Forest Division coming under jurisdiction of Sukinda Tehsil of Jajpur District, Odisha – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter 19.08.2022 on the above mentioned proposal. In this regard it is to inform that the proposal has been examine din the Ministry and after careful examination of the proposal following additional information needs to be submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. KML file of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines land-use and its safety zone is not available which shall be submitted.
- ii. The state shall give a detailed chronology of the mining lease/operations indicating the period during which the status-quo order was in force and the period during which mining was carried out without a valid order of the court. The documentary evidence including the relevant orders of the court shall be provided.
- iii. Comments /views of the State Govt. on the representation (copy enclosed) of the UA vide which they are seeking exemption under sub-section 1(A) of Section 1 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniya, 1980 shall be submitted.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to provide information, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

Sd/-
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1. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar
3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
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