

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

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To,
Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 64.119 ha of sabik kisam Forest land as on 25.10.1980 within mining lease area of 64.463 ha, for Chromite mining in our Kaliapani Chromite Mines of M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd in Jajpur district of Odisha

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons) 381/2015-12027/F&E dated 29.06.2016 on the above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal has already been accorded in-principle' approval vide letter dated 18.11.2016 and the GoO vide letter No. 24978/9F (MG)-359/2016 dated 08.12.2022 has submitted the compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval.

In this regard it is informed the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 14.11.2023, and the AC decided that the State Government shall ensure that as per the original condition of Stage-I approval dated 18.11.2016, the amount of penal NPV will be deposited by the UA from 17.12.2019 to 06.06.2022 as under:

- a. The User agency shall pay NPV at the rate 20 per cent for each year since the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has commenced.
- b. User agency shall raise penal CA equivalent to the land utilised in violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980

However, as the area is already broken up, temporary working permission may be granted to the UA for a maximum period of one year after deposit of all statutory dues including the dues for above two conditions, so as to enable UA in complying

with other conditions.

In view of the above the GoO is requested to submit the compliance of the above conditions as soon as possible for further action in the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. D. Manjunatha)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office at Bhubaneswar.
3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.