

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi: 110003,

**Dated: 8th December, 2020.**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for according permission for use of 5.782 ha. of forest land within total PL area of 153.571 ha. in PL Block No. II (Chromite) Ore located in village Kaliapani and Forest Block No. 27 under Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District (Within jurisdiction of Cuttack Forest Division), Odisha for undertaking exploratory drilling of 95 nos. of boreholes (95 boreholes @ 0.02 ha each totalling 1.90 ha and 3.882 ha. for construction of road) by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. **18572/9F (MG)-372/2017** dated 22.10.2020 on above subject forwarding compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 14.09.2018. After examination of the compliance report following shortcomings are noticed:

- i. In compliance to condition no. (xxii), the State Government informed that the PL has been executed on 20.04.2017 and is valid up to dt.19.04.2020. Thus this condition has not yet complied and therefore the State Govt. may clarify as to why the compliance report is forwarded to this Ministry whereas the validity of lease has already expired.
- ii. The identified CA land has not yet been notified as PF/RF.
- iii. The State Govt. has not yet forwarded compliance report through PARIVESH portal.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish clarification/information on the points indicated above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**(Sandeep Sharma)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer(FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Dy. Director General (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

