

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 7.540 ha. of forest land within total PL granted area of 242.265 ha. in PL Block No. I(Chromite) located in village Kalarangiatta, Ransol, Mahulkhal & Forest Block No. 27 under Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur district (Within jurisdiction of Cuttack Forest Division), Odisha for undertaking exploratory drilling of 122 no. of boreholes (122 boreholes @ 0.02 ha each totalling 2.44 ha and 5.100 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. No. 18589/9F (MG)-374/2017 dated 22.10.2020 on above subject forwarding compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 17.09.2018. After examination of the compliance report following shortcomings noticed:

- i. In compliance to condition no. (xxii), 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 State Govt. may clarify as to why the compliance report is forwarded to this Ministry whereas the validity of lease has already expired. Comments in this regard with proper justification may be submitted.
- ii. The identified CA land has not yet been notified as PF/RF.
- iii. State Government 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 as 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.

