Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)
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Dated: February, 2024

To

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 63.30 ha of sabik kisam forest land in addition to 371.192 ha of forest land already diverted forest land located within the mining lease area of 767.284 ha in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd for Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines in Barbil Tahasil of District Keonjhar (Odisha) - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. 20702/9F (MG)-80/2016 dated 17.10.2023, on above mentioned subject forwarding a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval dated 14.03.2022 and to say that during examination of the letter dated 17.10.2023 of the State Government, it is observed that the State Government adjusted ₹5,64,73,200/- towards the charges of compensatory afforestation over 94.961 ha of non-forest land and 31 ha of degraded forest land in lieu of forest land broken prior to 1980.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to furnish the detail of 94.961 ha of non-forest land and 31 ha of degraded forest land in lieu of forest land broken prior to 1980, along with supporting attributes viz. CA scheme, KML files, etc, for which an amount of ₹5,64,73,200/- has been adjusted in ₹48,71, 31,000/- deposited by the user agency as lump sump NPV payment for further necessary action in the matter by the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by
Amit Anand
Date: 12-02-2024 11:52:37

(Amit Anand
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office (Eastern Zone), MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC
6. Guard File