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

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**Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 230.0899 ha (including 14.1709 ha in safety zone) of Forest Land for Radhikapur (East) Coal Mine of M/s Tata Sponge Iron Ltd. in villages namely Nandichod, Gopinathpur Jungle, Jhintipal, Jhintipal Jungle and Kosala under Angul Forest Division of Angul district of Odisha - reg.**

Sir,

In continuation to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 3.01.2022 on the above subject, I am directed to inform that Project Elephant Division of the MoEF&CC, vide their OM No. 7-1/2022-PE dated 17.01.2022 (copy enclosed), has furnished their comments in the matter informing the following:

*As per DSS study done, the proposed project area is about 49.2 km away from the Mahanadi Elephant Reserve and 23.9 km away from the Kahnejena - Anatapur elephant corridor. However, the area has distribution/exploratory movement of elephants as mentioned in the project, for which comments of Chief Wildlife Warden/State may be sought for wildlife management plan, mitigation plan and other recommendations.*

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to take into consideration the comments of the PE Division of the Ministry for compliance and further needful in the matter.

**Encl: As above.**

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-

**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC

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