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

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

Dated: 2nd February, 2023

To

The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. for non-forestry use of 83.602 ha of forest land including 2.529 ha of Safety Zone for Iron Ore mining in Chandiposhi Block of Koira Tahasil under Bonai Forest Division and District Sundargarh, Odisha - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0001-2023-300/FE&CC dated 06.01.2023 submitting above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising compensatory afforestation and submit Site Inspection Report (SIR) to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.