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

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**Dated: 28 March, 2017**

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of balance 17.14 ha of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 including 0.57 ha of forest land in safety zone in addition to already diverted forest land of 224.63 ha for Chromite mining in their Saruabil Chromite Mine of 246.858 ha in village Saruabil, Kamarda and Tailangi under Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District, Odisha under Cuttack Forest Division during extended Mining lease period as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015 by M/s Misrilal Mines (P) Ltd.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 101<sup>F</sup> (Cons) 20/2016/2052/F&E dated 07.11.2016 submitting for prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www. Forrestclearance.nic.in](http://www.Forrestclearance.nic.in). After thorough deliberation in the said FAC meeting, the FAC inter-alia recommended that:

1. State Government shall submit the status report on working mines on sabik lands. State Government to clarify whether mining is in progress in the area sought for diversion or not.
2. User agency had reported that they had obtained Hon'ble Court's Order to continue mining in Sabik land. The copy of the order shall be provided to the Ministry.
3. State Government shall submit complete compliance of FRA as per the guidelines issued by MoEF and CC.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit information/documents, as indicated above to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully

  
(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, O/o the PCCF, Government of Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC
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