

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

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Dated: 6th March, 2023

To

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 22.697 ha of forest land of Jilling-Langlota Iron Ore Block within total Mining Lease area of 456.100 ha in Keonjhar District of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited.

Madam/Sir,

Kindly refer to this office letter of even no. dated 05.06.2022 wherein the Government of Odisha was requested to submit the requisite information regarding the subject cited proposal. It is pertinent to mention here that the Site Inspection Report (SIR) has been received from IRO Bhubaneshwar vide their letter dated 15.12.2022 (**copy enclosed**), wherein certain observations have been raised regarding Violation of FCA,1980, Compensatory Afforestation and Elephant movement etc. on which a detailed report/clarification/justification is required from the State Government.

In view of the above Government of Odisha is requested to submit the reply of the Ministry's letter dated 05.06.2023 at an earliest along-with the comments/detailed report on the observations raised by the IRO Bhubaneshwar.

Yours faithfully,

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. DDGF (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
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