

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

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Dated: 16th April, 2021

To

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

Sub: Change in land use pattern in respect of diversion of 865.276 ha of forest land out of 947.046 ha. of ML area for mining of Iron Ore in favour of M/s Sarda Mines Pvt. Ltd in village Syabali, Balita and Thakuirani RF in district Keonjhar of state Odisha – application for permission to carry out mining operations by the user agency over 617.108 ha of forest land out of 865.276 ha of already diverted forest Land-Approval of changed land use pattern– reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0035-2021-3862/F&E dated 23.02.2021 on above mentioned subject submitting compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 15.11.2019 and to say that examination of the compliance report in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. Updated status of the cases filed in compliance of condition no. (4) of Stage-I approval may be furnished by the State.
- ii. Site suitability certificate and KML file of the degraded forest land identified for penal CA is not found in the compliance report. The same shall be submitted.
- iii. Unambiguous information whether the facilities created have been dismantled in compliance of condition no. (8) may be given.
- iv. In compliance to condition no. (10), the user agency is required to prepare a surrender schedule of mined out and biologically reclaimed forest areas, irrespective of its location in the mining lease. The same may be provided.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings as indicated above to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist D

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha,

- Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
 3. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
 4. User Agency
 5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.
 6. Guard file.

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