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

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New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: April, 2022

To

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 465.62 ha of forest land (160.73 ha already broken up area+ 37.25 ha area to be worked during present renewal period + balance 267.64 ha to be maintained as forest) in favour of M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) for first renewal of their Bolani Ores Mines, Keonjhar District, Odisha – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. No. 3749/9F (MG)-78/2001 dated 24.02.2022, received on 4.03.2014, on the above subject forwarding additional information as sought by the Ministry vide letter of even number dated 4.10.2019 and to say that examination of said information in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. An area of 200.38 ha of forest land, excluded from the lease has not been surrendered back to the Forest Department and the same is still under the possession of the user agency. as per provisions envisaged in the condition no. (v) of Stage-I approval dated 24.02.1999 (Pg 49/c), the area of 200.38 ha should be surrendered back to the State Forest Department. Modification of Stage-I approval dated 24.02.1999, sought by the State was limited to change in the condition regarding raising of CA which was granted by the Ministry on 2.07.2019. Therefore, State Government needs to comply this condition and a confirmation of the same needs to be intimated to the Ministry.
- ii. Attributes of CA viz. detailed CA scheme, site suitability certificate in respect of 321.46 ha of forest land identified in lieu of 160.73ha of forest land has not been submitted along with the compliance report.
- iii. Ministry has recently revised the rates of NPV. Therefore, applicability of revised rates of NPV in light of guidelines dated 6.02.2022 read with guidelines dated 22.03.2022 may be ascertained and complied with, as the case may be, by the State.

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

Yours faithfully,
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(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar
3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard file.