

File No: 8-04/2026-FC (E-29592)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 21-04-2026

To,

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Regional Office of MoEF&CC,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 22.551 ha of Forest land for mining and its ancillary activities of Rengalbeda (NE) iron ore mine under Barbil Tahasil, Barbil Range of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar District within Mining Lease Block area of 24 203 ha by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/142246/2021)-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No FE-DIV-FLD-0069-2025-4598/FE&CC, dated 24.02.2026 on the above subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard, the Regional Office Bhubaneswar is requested to inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for compensatory afforestation and submit Site Inspection Report (SIR) clear recommendations of Regional Office for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Deepika Chaudhary)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. Nodal Officer, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

4. User Agency

5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.