

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

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Dated: 22nd April, 2020

To,

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

Sub: Proposal for change in land use pattern over an area of 0.218 ha from Safety Zone purpose to mining purposes of already diverted 48.632 ha of forest land over lease area of 49.372 ha for Raikela & Tantra Iron Mines in village Raikela & Tantra in Bonai Forest Division in Sundargarh District of M/s Penguin Trading & Agencies Ltd.

Sir,

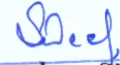
I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter no. 3370/9F (MG)- 14/2019 dated 13.02.2020 forwarding compliance report in respect of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 22.05.2019 for above subject proposal.

2. During examination of the said compliance report, it is observed that the condition no. (v) of Stage-I Clearance, which states that "The identified non-forest land for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of forest department and notified as RF/PF prior to stage II approval", has been changed while forwarding compliance report. A plain reading of the modified condition (condition no. v) in the compliance report, reveals that the original condition has been modified deliberately, rather than it was an oversight.

3. Moreover, this condition for notifying non-forest land as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-20 of the Indian Forest Act' 1927 or under the relevant Section (s) of the local Forest Act prior to Stage-II approval has not yet been done by the State Government.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the reasons for such irregularity to Ministry (as at para-2 above), alongwith a copy of notification of CA land as RF/PF for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
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