

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

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Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: April, 2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Jharkhand,
Ranchi.

Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 247.50 ha of forest land out of total lease area of 1936.06 ha in favour of M/s Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for iron ore mining in Kiriburu- Meghahatuburu group of Iron Ore mines located in District West Singhbhum (Jharkhand) – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-29/2008-813/V.P. dated 07.03.2024 on above mentioned subject forwarding information as sought by the Ministry vide its letter dated 28.06.2023 and to say that after examination of the same the following has been observed:

- i. The PCCF, Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden vide their letter no. 17 dated 25.01.2022 has approved the Site Specific Wildlife & Biodiversity Conservation Plan with a total financial outlay of Rs. 5996.244 Lakhs. However, user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 1453.842 Lakhs only. This needs clarification and appropriate action.
- ii. As per recommendation of Advisory Committee, the State Government has not provided copy of Integrated Wildlife Management Plan duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
- iii. As per recommendation of AC, compliance report of previous approvals granted in the mining lease shall be examined by Regional Office. Therefore, compliance report of previous approvals shall be forwarded to RO, Ranchi for their examination.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish information, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 24-04-2024 10:07:31

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The PCCF-cum-HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand,

- Ranchi;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi;
 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
 4. User Agency;
 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on Parivesh portal.