

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

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Dated: 10th May, 2023

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

Sub: Diversion of balance forest land of 746.3325 ha including 1.8305 ha for safety zone (excluding 95.60 ha Pre-1980 broken up forest land already diverted and 4.467 ha of forest land being proposed for diversion in separate proposal mining infrastructure of Daitari ML) within total forest of 846.3995 ha located within approved Mining Lease area of 1018.3085 ha for Iron Ore Mining in Daitari Mining Lease in Cuttack Forest Division of Jujpur District and Keonjhar (WL) Division of Keonjhar District, Odisha of OMC Ld. During Mining Lease period as extended under the Amendment provision MMDR Act- submission of final Study Report regarding (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/9112/2015).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons) 210/2015, 16637/F/E, Bhubaneswar, dated 19.09.20115, 10F(Cons)-37/2018-10150/F&E dated 01.05.2018 and letter No. FE-DIC-FLD-0104-2021-5048/FE&CC dated 17.03.2023 on above subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that after examination of said proposal in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 25.04.2023, the Ministry desired to submit the following information for further action of the proposal:

- i. The State Government shall submit a detailed report on the present status of Jhum/Shifting cultivation and the time period during which the Jhum/shifting cultivation has taken place within the mining lease area.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at

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Bhubaneswar.

3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.