

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
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New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: May, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Proposal for diversion of balance forest land of 746.3325 ha in favour of M/s OMC Ltd. within total forest land 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 Jajpur District and Keonjhar (WL) Division of Keonjhar District, Odisha) - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons) 210/2015, 16637/F/E dated 19.09.20115 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 30.04.2024. The detailed minutes of the meeting may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. After thorough deliberation, the Advisory Committee inter-alia recommended that the comments of the National Tiger Conservation Authority on the area proposed for diversion vis-à-vis –Simplipal-Satkosia tiger corridor may be obtained. The NTCA may categorically inform about the impact of the proposed mining operations on the wildlife corridors in the area vis-à-vis a total of 8 projects of iron ore mining already approved in the same landscape. Specific comments may also be sought on undertaking mining activities in phases (both temporal and spatial) for effective wildlife corridor management.

In view of above, the undersigned is directed to request the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

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To

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