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

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**Dated: May, 2024**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of balance forest land of 84.707 ha in favour of M/s D. C. Jain for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines located in Baitrani RF II, District Keojarh (Odisha)-reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons.) 179/2015/16479/F&E dated 15.09.2015 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and letter No. 6233/9F (MG) -18/2015 dated 15.03.2024 submitting additional information sought by the Ministry vide its letter dated 14.08.2021 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 FAC meeting held on 17.01.2024 may be accessed on the Ministry's website viz. [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). The Advisory Committee, after going through the facts of the proposal observed that more non-forest area is required for raising compensatory afforestation as per extant provisions and broken area has to be shown separately. Accordingly, the Committee desired that the following information may be obtained from the State Government:

- i. KML of project area with attribute of already broken area and new area proposed for diversion.
- ii. KML of additional non-forest land of 3.113 ha required to be identified by the user agency against safety zone.
- iii. Revised Compensatory Afforestation proposal and suitability certificate.
- iv. Unambiguous detail of the fresh area proposed for diversion, already broken up area and change in the land use of the already approved forest area involved in the extant proposal needs to be provided by the State Government.

In view of above, State Government is requested to submit information, as indicated above, as per recommendation of Advisory Committee for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

**(Amit Anand)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.