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

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To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (C)

Regional Office, Nagpur Maharashtra

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s NMDC-CMDC Limited for non-forestry use of 682.2722 ha (570.100 ha inside lease and 112.1722 ha outside lease) forest land for Bailadila Iron Ore Deposit-4 Mine in Dantewada Forest Division, South Bastar, Dantewada District in the State of Chhattisgarh (Online Proposal No. FP/CG/MIN/146694/2021)- regarding.

Sir/Madam.

I am directed to refer to State Government of Chhattisgarh letter No. F 5-39/2023/10-2 dated 02.02.2024 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that the instant proposal is for mining of Iron ore. As per Rule 10 (4) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 the site inspection for the instant proposal needs to be carried out by the concerned Regional Office.

In this regard, Regional Office, Nagpur is requested to carry out the site inspection in case of the proposal and submit a detailed report along with recommendation to the Ministry for further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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