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

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bag Road, New Delhi - 110003. Dated: June, 2024

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 64.119 ha of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd in Jajpur district, Odisha- Submission of Stage-I compliance regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10543/9F(MG)-359/2016 dated 20.05.2024 on the above subject forwarding compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 18.11.2016 read with dated 25.07.2017 and letter dated 04.12.2023 and to say that after examination of the compliance report following shortcoming has been observed:

- i. The proposal has been granted Stage-I approval on 18.11.2016. The period of 5 years has already been lapsed therefore the revised rate of the NPV issued by the Ministry vide letter dated 06.01.2022 read with 22.03.2022 shall be applicable. In this regard the State Government shall ensure that the differential amount of the NPV is paid.
- ii. The sites suitability certificate/ KML file, maps along with detailed CA scheme in respect of penal compensatory afforestation shall be submitted.
- iii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the KML files of the diverted and CA/penal CA are uploaded on the e-green watch portal.

In view of the above, State Government is requested to provide the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

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