

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

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(iii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Raga Tradecon Pvt. Ltd for grant of mining lease over 66.242 ha of forest land within Netrabandha Pahar (West) Iron Ore Block in villages Baldihi and Sanua under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District, State of Odisha - Stage-I compliance regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10251/9F (MG) -21/2022 dated 17.05.2024 on the above subject forwarding compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 21.08.2023 and to say that after the examination of the compliance report following has been observed:

- i. In respect of the condition nos. (vii), (xv) and (xxii) of Stage-I approval dated 21.08.2023, the State Government/UA has not furnished undertakings. The same need to be submitted.
- ii. In respect of the condition no. (xviii) of the Stage-I approval dated 21.08.2023 the State Government has informed that the boundary of the diverted forestland proposed for diversion, mining lease and Safety Zone area has been demarcated on the ground. However, in this regard no documents /GPS coordinates have been provided. The same need to be submitted.
- iii. From the perusal of the proposal on PARIVESH portal, its status showing "Pending With-SG for verifying Compliance of Conditions". This needs to be submitted at HO level for further processing on PARIVESH 1.0 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.