

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

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Dated: 10th July, 2023

To

The DDGF (Central),
MoEF&CC's, Integrated Regional Office,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. for non-forestry use of 156.978 ha of forest land (147.803 ha in Bonai Forest Division & 9.175 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division) for Iron Ore Mining and ancillary activities with in Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block under Forest Division and District Sundergarh and Keonjhar of Odisha State-reg. (Online proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/150048/2021)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No10F (Cons)-12/2023 dated 03.03.2023 submitting above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request the Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry to kindly inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising compensatory afforestation and submit inspection report to this Ministry as per the timeline framed under FC Rules and Guideline made under FCA, 1980 for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Dr. Surabhi Rai)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.