

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

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**Dated: July, 2024**

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

**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)**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 11965/9F (MG)-4/2023 dated 13.06.2024 vide which the compliance report of the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle'/Stage-I approval has been submitted. After the examination of the said compliance report, the Ministry has observed the following:

- i. The State Government has not complied with the condition no. 6 of the Stage-I approval dated 28.11.2023. This condition was to be complied specifically by the State Government. However, the State Govt. has informed that the User Agency has submitted undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bonai Division and DFO, Keonjhar Division, to abide by this condition and shall explore the possibility for transportation of iron ore through conveyor belt and take a reasoned decision as per recommendation of the NEERI report. In this regard the State Government shall submit the compliance for this condition.
- ii. The condition no. 10 of the Stage-I approval dated 28.11.2023 has not been complied. It is to be noted that the portal has a provision to list out the proposals on E-green watch portal after granting of Stage-I approval. In this regard, the State Government shall upload the KML files on E-green watch portal. The same may be complied in coordination with NIC.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr.Dheeraj Mittal)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.