

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
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New Delhi-110003

Dated: July, 2022

To

The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 42.608 ha of forest land (16.658 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 25.950 ha in Bonai Forest Division) within Kalmang West (Northern Part) Block for Iron Ore Mines in Keonjhar and Sundargarh District of Odisha, allotted to M/s Tata Steel BSL Limited (Formerly known as Bhusan Steel Ltd) under Section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0048-2022-10644 dated 17.06.2022 regarding the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising compensatory afforestation and to ascertain the status of violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if any, committed by the user agency. Inspection report in respect of the aforementioned matters may be furnished to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)

Scientist 'D'

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.
6. Guard File.