

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

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**To**

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Raipur

**Sub: Proposal involving non-forestry use of 192.50 ha of forest land in favor of M/s Jayaswal Neco Industries Limited for mining of iron ore located in village Chhote Donger, District Narayanpur (Chhattisgarh) - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-04/2019/10-2 dated 28.04.2020, received in this office through email on 1.06.2020 on the above subject seeking clarification on the extant proposal from the Ministry. The issues raised were examined in the Ministry, it was observed that the matter has been referred after a lapse of more than 13 years and it would be pertinent to mention that crop composition on existing balance of forest land i.e.  $192.50 - 35.74 = 156.76$  may have changed during the intervening period. Also, the Ministry has issued various rules/guidelines under the FC Act and their compliance is to be ensured by the State Government. It is therefore desired that the State Government needs to furnish the following:

- i. To submit the complete compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 11.08.2004 granted for 91 ha (Stage-II granted for 35.74 ha) i.e. compliance of balance 55.26 ha of forest land. During the intervening period, the Central Government has issued various guidelines such as obtaining DGPS data of the area proposed for diversion as well as area identified for raising CA, compliance of FRA, 2006, etc. Compliance of Stage-I approval may accordingly be updated and submitted to Ministry.
- ii. Proposal in respect of balance 101.25 ha of forest land also needs to be updated in light of relevant guidelines issued by the Central Government during the intervening period. Information in respect of crop composition, number of project affected trees, change in scope or component of the project, if any, revised cost benefit analysis, and such similar project parameters as may be needed under the relevant guidelines issued by the Central Government needs to be updated, including fresh inspections from the DCF/CF and Regional Office of the MoEF&CC. These may be submitted along with compliance of Stage-I approval of balance area of 55.26 ha.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information/ documents to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**(Brijendra Swaroop)**

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Deputy Director General (Central), Regional Office, Nagpur **with a request to inspect the area afresh and submit a report on the same to the Ministry.**
3. The Nodal officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division
5. User Agency
6. Guard File