

Reminder

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: July, 2023

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 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) (Online proposal no. FP/OR/MIN/49169/2020).

Respected Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the ministry's letter dated 11.05.2023 (copy enclosed) regarding on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that after examination of proposal the Ministry vide said letter has requested to submit certain information/documents. The same is still awaited.

2. In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal at an earliest.

3. In case reply is not received within 15 days the proposal will be processed for closed/rejected summarily for non-receipt of the reply as per the Para 1.20 of Chapter 1 of FCA handbook, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Dr. Surabhi Rai)
Dy. 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.

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4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.