

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

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

**Sub.: Proposal for diversion of balance forest of 80.826 ha (16.566 ha of forest land and 64.260 ha of non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980) including 3.916 ha of forest land in safety zone and 1.129 ha of forest land in green belt in addition to 52.348 ha of forest land already diverted (total forest land of 133.174 ha in ML) within the total mining lease area over 169.00 ha of Tiringpahar Iron & Manganese Mines of M/s. Tata Steel Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha during extended ML period as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015.Sir,**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government letter no. 11925/9F (MG)-85/2018 dated 13.06.2024 on above subject submitting compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 02.08.2019 read with 02.11.2020 and to say that after examination of the said compliance report, the following shortcoming has been observed:

- i. State Government has informed that user agency has deposited an amount of ₹4,69,09,800 towards NPV over 64.260 ha through Parivesh portal, the same is not shown paid on the Parivesh portal.
- ii. In respect of the condition no. (xi) of the Stage-I approval dated 02.08.2019 the complete compliance of the conditions has not been submitted through online.
- iii. In respect of the condition no. (xiv) of the Stage-I approval dated 02.08.2019 The copy of the proceedings of DLC, SDLC and gram sabha resolution has not submitted.

- iv. In respect of the condition no. (xx) of the Stage-I approval dated 02.08.2019 the State Government has reported that, reclamation of quarry by back filling has been proposed to be carried out during 2023-24 by the User Agency, but the user agency is yet to submit the compliance thereon. The comments of the State Government is required for compliance of this condition.
- v. As per guidelines the revised rates of NPV are applicable in case of proposals wherein a period of more than five years has elapsed since the issue of stage-1 approval and the Stage-II approval has still not been obtained. The state shall examine the matter and take necessary action accordingly.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to provide information as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.