

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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To,

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

Subject: Change in stipulation of in-principle approval of a proposal while furnishing compliance report seeking Final/Stage-II approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 -regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter no. 3370/9F (MG)-14/2019 dated 13.02.2020 forwarding compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 22.05.2019 in connection with a proposal for change in land use pattern over an area of 0.218 ha from Safety Zone purpose to mining purposes of already diverted 48.632 ha of forest land over lease area of 49.372 ha at Raikela & Tantra Iron Mines in village Raikela & Tantra in Bonai Forest Division in Sundargarh District of M/s Penguin Trading & Agencies Ltd.

On perusal of compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval it was observed that one of the major conditions related to CA land of Stage-I approval was modified while forwarding compliance report.

Such modification in the stipulation in the statutory approvals, without consent of approving authority shall be treated as special cases for appropriate action in future. State Governments/UT Administrations, the Nodal Officer (FCA) thereof in particular, are advised that while forwarding the compliance report of any proposal for diversion of forest land for seeking Final/Stage-II approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, they shall personally ensure that no such change in the text of the condition(s) as stipulated in Stage-I Clearance(s) by this Ministry, has been made.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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