

Government of India
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(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Kashvi Power & Steel Pvt. Ltd. for non-forestry use of 60.508 ha of forest land including 2.331 ha of safety zone in Dholta Pahar Iron Ore Block for iron ore mining in Bonai Forest Division under Sundargarh District, Odisha –reg. (Online No. FP/OR/MIN/150522/2021)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above-mentioned subject and to say that the proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 30.07.2025. The Advisory Committee observed that the representation of the user agency, the replies of the State and Regional office, and the report of the sub-committee have not brought out any significant new facts. Various issues and aspects highlighted by the sub-committee have already been thoroughly examined and taken into account by the Advisory Committee during its earlier deliberations. Accordingly, the committee decided that there is no justification to reconsider the proposal at this stage.

2. In view of the above, the State Govt. is requested to take necessary action in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF(C) Integrated Regional Office, A/3, Chandersekharpur, Bhubaneswar (Odisha).
3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.