

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

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To

The Addl. 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 Odisha Mining Corporation Limited for non-forestry use of 22.697 ha of forest land of Jilling-Langlota Iron Ore Block within total Mining Lease area of 456.100 ha in Keonjhar District, Odisha.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 12915/9F (MG) -70/2021 dated 17.06.2025 on above subject submitting compliance report of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 09.02.2024 and to say after examination of the said compliance report revealed the following:

- i. In compliance to condition no. 5 of Stage-I approval, State Government has not taken action against the officers responsible for violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, under 3 (A)/3 (B) or under relevant local Act of the State and/or Central Act for unauthorized use of forest land. This need to be complied and a detail compliance report in this regard should be submitted by the State.
- ii. In compliance to condition no. 2 (vii) of Stage-I approval, copy of Notification of 46.082 ha area, as submitted by the State Government is not legible. Legible copy of the same needs to be furnished.
- iii. In compliance of the condition no. 7 the State Govt. has not provided the GPS Ids of the upload KML files. The same shall be provided for verification.
- iv. In compliance to the conditions no 4 of the Stage-1 approval, the total Penal NPV for violation has not been deposited. The

needful shall be done and a detailed report along with payment details shall be submitted in this regard.

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

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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