

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

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**Dated: 26th August, 2020**

To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 54.399 ha of forest land including safety zone of 6.841 ha within total lease area of 70.917 ha for mining of Iron & Manganese in San-Indupur Mines in favour of M/s National Enterprise in Sundargarh District in Odisha.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Pr. CCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act), Government of Odisha letter No. 12964/9(MG)-86/2009 dated 03.07.2020 regarding compliance of the conditions stipulated in in-principle approval dated 15.10.2019 for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examination of the proposal it is found that the condition no.(viii) of Stage-I approval which states that "*The identified non-forest land for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of forest department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage II approval*" has not been complied since the identified non-forest land for CA purpose has not been notified as RF/PF.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to comply the above condition for instant proposal before consideration of Stage-II approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**

**(Sandeep Sharma)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Deputy Director General (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi