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

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**Dated: 31st August, 2023**

To,

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

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Anil Kumar Sharma Power of Attorney of Late Chandi Prasad Sharma for non-forestry use of 67.352 ha forest land for Iron & Manganese Ore Mining in village Raikela, Bahamba & Tensa under Bonai Sub-Division in Sundargarh District of Odisha (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/39199/2019).**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0068-2022-15274 dated 30.08.2022 and additional information submitting on 15.07.2023 on the above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Further, it is informed that the instant proposal was discussed in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 21.08.2023, wherein it has been decided by the Committee that the Nodal Officer (FCA) Government of Odisha shall give a presentation before the AC on the complete proposal including the details of court case, permissions granted and the violation of FCA,1980 in the instant proposal as well the details of requirement of forest land for developing water, transport and electricity facilities. The Nodal Officer shall also give justification as to why the mining should not be restricted to already broken up area only.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. DDGF (C), MoEF&CC's IRO Bhubneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.