

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

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**Dated: 12th September, 2023**

To  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Mahanadi Bhavan,  
New Raipur (CG).

**Sub:-Diversion of remaining 101.25 ha of forest land (Originally applied area for 192.25 ha) out of which 91.00 ha was in-principal approved) in favour of M/s Jayaswal Neco Industries Limited for mining of Iron Ore located in village Chhote Donger, District Narayanpur State Chhattisgarh - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no.F 5-04/2019/10-2 dated 23.09.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and letter No. F 5-04/2019/10-2 dated 15.06.2023 submitted additional information as sought vide Ministry's letter dated 03.11.2022 and to say that the proposal was examined by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 21.08.2023. Minutes of the AC meeting may be accessed at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made AC observed that the area sought for diversion in the instant proposal as per the DSS report is classified as Inviolable or High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone based on Decision Rule 1 (due to Hydrological rule and presence of compact Very Dense Forest patch having area more than 1 sq km) and Decision Rule 2 (Out of 13 Grids, 12 Grids are having score more than 70). Further, out of the 91 ha area for which approval has been accorded the user agency has only broken 52.811 ha area so far.

In view of the above, based on the recommendation of AC, the Ministry decided that in view of the area being inviolable and is high conservation zone as per DSS analysis, the present proposal cannot be acceded to and therefore the above mentioned proposal for diversion of forest land is rejected.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority

Yours faithfully  
**Sd/-**

**(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)**

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5. User Agency
6. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC