

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

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Dated: 2nd September, 2021

To

The Principal Secretary (Forest),
Government of Jharkhand,
Ranchi

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 247.50 ha of forest land out of total lease area of 1936.06 ha in favour of M/s Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for iron ore mining in Kiriburu- Meghahatuburu group of Iron Ore mines located in District West Singhbhum (Jharkhand) – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Jharkhand's letter vanbhumi-29/2008-1387 dated 28.05.2021 on the above subject forwarding information as sought by the Ministry vide its letter of even number dated 18.03.2019 and to say that the additional information submitted by the State Government was examined by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 16.08.2021. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the FAC may kindly be accessed at <https://parivesh.nic.in/>. FAC, after thorough deliberation and discussion with the Nodal officer Jharkhand and Asst. IGF, IRO, Ranchi, desired following information, for further consideration of the project.

1. State Government shall clarify if a single Mining plan for the amalgamated mining lease (that is $1936.06+879.439+82.0= 2897.499$ ha) has been approved by the competent authority.
2. The State Government should verify whether reclamation/progressive reclamation has been carried out in accordance with the annual or periodic reclamation of mining area prescribed in the Approved Mining Plan for the Mining lease over an area of 1936.06 ha. The State Government should furnish a report whether such recommendation for reclamation has been followed or not in respect of the mining area that has been already diverted and where mining is in progress alongwith the reasons, if any, for not undertaking the reclamation.
3. The excess area recorded after the DGPS survey shall be surrendered and marked appropriately on the map. In no case the area of lease shall be more than 2897.499 ha. State Government shall clearly spell out and vet the total forest area within the lease as well as the excess forest area proposed to be surrendered.
4. IRO, Ranchi shall inspect the area and submit a report on non-conforming to the condition (in Stage-I approval of 2010) of providing equal area after reclamation and also whether the reclamation in the mining area has taken up as per the approved mining plan.
5. User Agency shall, in consultation with DFO concerned, prepare an effective Plan to prevent encroachment and remove existing encroachment, if any, from the lease area.

In view of above, I am directed to request the State Government to furnish information, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the

Ministry.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
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Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi **with a request to inspect the area and submit a report to the Ministry as per the observation indicated under parta 4 above**
4. User Agency, for necessary action pl.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC
6. Guard File