

F. No. 8-61/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi- 110003
Dated: 12-09-2025

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Maharashtra
Mumbai.

Subject: Proposal for prior approval under section 2 (1) (iii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for 145.231 ha (originally proposed 153.09 ha) forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Surjagad Wooria Hill Bhamragad, Tahsil Etapali, Dist. Gadchiroli in Maharashtra State in favour of M/s Gopani Iron & Power (India) Pvt. Ltd - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 20.08.2025 on the above mentioned subject and the letter dated 21.08.2025 of State Government vide which the instant proposal was forwarded to the Ministry on PARIVESH portal for consideration.

In this regard, the Ministry of Mines vide their O.M. dated 25.08.2025 has informed that the document dated 01.08.2025 regarding the validity of Lol has not been issued by the Ministry of mines and it is a forged document.

In view of the above, the instant proposal is hereby returned to the State Government for information and further necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office at Nagpur.
3. APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.