

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

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Dated: September, 2023

To,
The Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Thriveni Earthmovers private Limited for non-forestry use of 94.351 ha of forest land including 4.261 ha of Safety Zone (3.858 ha along the ML boundary and 0.403 ha along the PWD road) within the granted Lol for ML over 131.800 ha for Laserda Pacheri Manganese & Iron Ore Block in Keonjhar district of Odisha - reg. (Online Proposal no. FP/OR/MIN/149499/2021).

Respected Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0002-2023-381/FE&CC dated 07.01.2023 and additional information submitted vide letter dated 29.05.2023 on the above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. Further, it is informed that the proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 11.09.2023. The detailed minutes of the AC meeting may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. The AC decided that recommendation made under agenda item no. 11 discussed in the AC meeting held on 17.07.2023 will apply **mutatis-mutandis** to the extant proposal. The committee therefore decided to defer the proposal with following observations:

- i. Directions were given that in this regard, detailed consultations with the State Govt. authorities and other stakeholders including mining lessees shall be carried out by the DDGF (C) Bhubaneswar by involving ministry officials and

WII and report shall be submitted in 45 days. As almost 60 days have already elapsed and such report has not yet been received, DDGF(C) Bhubaneswar should expedite and submit its report latest by 30.09.2023 and present all the cases in next FAC.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Surabhi Rai)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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1. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.