

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

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Dated: 22nd September, 2022

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 157.702 h of DLC forest land including 5.660 ha of DLC forest land in safety zone in mouza Humuri Bana, Agasti Nuagaon and Arjipalli within total ML area of 2464.054 ha under Chhatrapur Tahasil of Ganjam District, Odisha in favour of Indian Rare Earths Ltd, Orissa Sand Complex (OSCOM) for mining and separation of heavy minerals like Ilmenite, Rutile, Zircon, Sillimanite, Garnet and Monazite from beach sand - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 14200/9F (MG)-334/2012 dated 20.07.2022, received in this office on 5.08.2022, on above subject, forwarding additional information as sought by the Ministry in its letter dated 13.05.2022 and to say that examination of the said compliance report in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. DSS analysis of the degraded forest land identified for afforestation revealed that an area of 4 ha falls under the MDF category which may not be suitable for raising afforestation; therefore suitability of the same needs to be reconfirmed by the State and, if needed, the suitable area may be identified in lieu of 4 ha of degraded forest land.
- ii. A copy of Plan prepared for the conservation of Olive Ridley Sea Turtle revealed that provisions of Plan involves financial provisions of Rs. 46 lakh while the user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.37,94,332/- only into the account of CAMPA. Complete financial estimates, as approved by the PCCF (Wildlife) should be deposited into the account of CAMPA by the user agency.

In view of above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry, enabling further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), State Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, State Forest Department, Government of

Odisha, Bhubaneswar

4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File