

**File No.: 8-11/2024-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi - 110003.  
**Dated: 27-09-2024**

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),  
Regional Office of MoEF&CC,  
at Bhubaneswar

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 266.847 ha of Forest land (including 6.776 ha earmarked for Safety Zone) within Rantha Iron Ore Mines under Lahunipara Tahasil and Barsuan Range of Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District within Mining Lease area of 268.84 ha in respect of Odisha Mining Corporation Limited under Section-2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 (Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/33970/2018) –reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0047-2024-10808/FE&CC dated 24.06.2024 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to request that the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for compensatory afforestation and submit Site Inspection Report (SIR) to this Ministry with clear recommendations.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**  
**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.