

F. No. 11-103/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road
New Delhi 110 003
Dated: 30th January, 2017

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Revocation of In-principal approvals/ Stage-I Clearances issued by this Ministry, New Delhi which are pending due to non compliance of conditions for more than 5 years as provided under para 4.2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and guidelines thereof.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your kind attention on para 4.2.(i) & (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines thereof which states that Two Stage Clearance of Proposals which states that *Forestry clearance will be given in two stages. In 1st stage, the proposal shall be agreed to in principle in which usually the conditions relating to transfer, mutation and declaration as RF/PF under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 of equivalent non forest land for compensatory afforestation and funds for raising compensatory afforestation thereof are stipulated and after receipt of compliance report from the State Government in respect of the stipulated conditions, formal approval under the Act shall be issued. However in cases where compliance of conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval is awaited for more than 5 (five) years from the State Governments, the in principle approvals would summarily be revoked.*

20. It has been observed that there are several cases in your State for which Stage-II Clearances/final approval are pending since five or more years due to non-receipt of compliance on the conditions stipulated in stage-I clearance . A list of such type of cases are enclosed for your ready reference.

21. In view of facts stated above it has been decided by the Ministry that Stage - I clearance accorded for the above mentioned projects are hereby revoked with immediate effect. If the State Govt. is still interested in the forest clearance in any project then fresh online application with cogent reasons for non-submission of compliance of the condition stipulated in Stage-I Clearance may be submitted for the consideration of the Ministry.

22. The State Government /UT may inform whether any non- forestry activity proposed in the proposal referred above, for which Stage - I approval was granted, has been undertaken by the user agency. In this regard a report may be furnished within 15 days of issue of this letter.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl.as above.

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. **All Concerned Files.**
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

Yours faithfully,


(Nisheeth Saxena)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)


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Details of proposals granted Stage I FC by FC Division (area involving more than 40 ha.) and the compliance report is awaited for 5 or more years from State Governments

S. No.	File No.	State Name	Proposal Name	Category	Area Applied	Area Diverted	Submission Date	Stage I Date
1	8-23/2010-FC	Orissa	DIVERSION OF 1524.17 HA OF FOREST LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BRUTANGA IRRIGATION PROJECT.	IRRIGATION	1524.17	1524.17	01-Jan-10	31-Aug-10
2	8-28/2004-FC	Orissa	DIVERSION OF 100 HA. OF FOREST LAND FOR DUMPING OVERBURDEN ADJOINING THE CURRENT MINING LEASE OF SUKINDA CHROMITE MINE OF TATA STEEL LTD. OVER AN AREA OF 406 HA. IN VILLAGES KUSUMUNDA, MAHULKHAL, MAHAGIRI DPF (FOREST BLOCK NO. 27) UNDER SUKINDA TAHASIL OF JAIPUR DISTRICT, ODISHA- REQUEST TO REMOVE THE CONDITION OF FOREST CLEARANCE VALIDITY.	OTHERS	100	100	13-Apr-04	01-Dec-09
3	8-ORA105/2006-FCD	Orissa	DIVERSION OF GANDHAMARDAN BLOCK 'A' MINES IN KEONJHAR FOREST DIVISION IN FAVOUR OF M/S ORISSA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED	MINING	216.3617	117.9648	21-Aug-06	17-Feb-09
4	8-ORA072/2006-FCD	Orissa	REGULARIZATION OF ENCROACHMENT	ENCROACHMENTS	214.212	214.112	06-Jul-06	29-Apr-08
5	8-ORC075/2006-FCD	Orissa	REGULARIZATION OF ENCROACHMENT	ENCROACHMENTS	45.3869	45.3869	06-Jul-06	28-Dec-07
6	8-ORA073/2006-FCD	Orissa	REGULARIZATION OF ENCROACHMENT	ENCROACHMENTS	65.241	65.241	06-Jul-06	28-Dec-07

7	8-ORA099/2006-FC D	Orissa	COAL MINING IN VILLAGE RAJHARAN, NANDICHOR AND SIMLISAH I IN CHHENDIPADA TAHASIL BY M/S ORISSA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED (COAL MINING)	MINING	137.02	137.02	137.02	02-Aug-06	20-Oct-06
8	8-92/1996-FC	Orissa	MINING LEASE TO BHANJA MINERALS LTD	MINING	135.532	135.532	135.532	09-Oct-96	28-Jul-06
9	8-109/2000-FC	Orissa	REGULARISATION OF ENCROACHMENT	ENCROACHMENTS	1921.3118	1921.3118	1921.3118	24-Oct-00	19-May-06
10	8-47/2002-FC	Orissa	CHHELIGADE MIP	IRRIGATION	159.895	159.895	159.895	28-May-02	17-Oct-02
11	8-112/1997-FC	Orissa	KALARANGI MINING LEASE TO OMC LTD	MINING	77	306.88	77	24-Jun-97	09-Jan-00
12	8-87/1996-FC	Orissa	MINING LEASE TO SAIL	MINING	465.62	706.52	465.62	08-Oct-96	24-Feb-99
13	8-54/1996-FC	Orissa	VICTORIA SAGAR MIP	IRRIGATION	56.71	56.71	56.71	10-May-96	25-Jul-97
14	8-90/1996-FC	Orissa	MINING LEASE TO SAIL IN BARSUAN IRON MINES	MINING	395.639	579.283	395.639	09-Oct-96	20-Feb-97
15	8-53/1996-FC	Orissa	CONSTRUCTION OF RENGALI IRRIGATION PROJECT	IRRIGATION	2107	2159.43	2107	10-May-96	21-Nov-96
16	8-215/1991-FC	Orissa	GANDANALLA MIP	IRRIGATION	50.66	50.66	50.66	20-Nov-91	18-Jun-92