

F. No. 8-12/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Aliganj, Jorbagh Road
New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 17 April, 2017

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 570.10 ha forest land of mining lease area and 95.13 of forest land outside mining lease area for Bailadiala iron ore Deposit no. 4, Bacheli South Bastar, Distt. Dantewada, Chhattisgarh (Total Area is 665.230 ha).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. F,5-14/2016/10-2 dated 08.06.2016 submitted a proposal for diversion of 570.10 ha forest land of mining lease area and 95.13 of forest land outside mining lease area for Bailadiala iron ore Deposit no. 4, Bacheli South Bastar, Distt. Dantewada, Chhattisgarh (Total Area is 665.230 ha) for seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This proposal has been considered in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 24.08.2016 and 28.02.2017. The detailed minutes of the FAC meetings held on 24.08.2016 and 28.02.2017 are placed on the website of this Ministry: www.forestclearance.nic.in. In addition, A Sub-committee of FAC headed by Additional Director General of Forests (FC) visited the propose site and the said Sub-committee recommended that NMDC has sufficient iron ore reserve base in its mining leases. Opening of the new pristine forest area for mining especially Deposit-4 will have adverse impact on the local ecological regimes specially water sources and Tree Ferns and therefore opening of the new mining area in Deposit-4 containing pristine forests does not deserve consideration for diversion under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and is not recommended for approval. The FAC in its meeting 28.02.2017, after thorough deliberation on the inspection report submitted by the committee headed by ADG (FC), decided not to recommend the proposal and this recommendation of FAC has been accepted by the competent authority.

In view of above, I am directed to inform that the proposal for diversion of 570.10 ha forest land of mining lease area and 95.13 of forest land outside mining lease area for Bailadiala iron ore Deposit no. 4, Bacheli South Bastar, Distt. Dantewada, Chhattisgarh (Total Area is 665.230 ha) is hereby rejected.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 17.4.17

Assistant Inspector General of Forest

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office Bhopal, MoEF
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. The User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.


(Sandeep Sharma) 12.4.17

Assistant Inspector General of Forest