

F.No.8-14/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi: 110003,
Dated: 25th July, 2017

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

Sub: Diversion of 64.119 ha. of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha. for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur District, Odisha

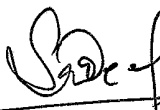
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 10F(Cons)381/2015-20394/F&E dated 05.11.2016 requesting to modify the following conditions no. (ix) & (x) of para 2 of In-principal approval/Stage-I Clearance dated 18.11.2016 for penal charges in connection with diversion of 64.119 ha. of Sabik Kisam forest land as on 25.10.1980 within total mining lease area of 64.463 ha. for Chromite mining in their Kaliapani Chromite Mines by M/s Balasore Alloys Ltd. in Jajpur District, Odisha:

- (i) The User agency shall pay NPV at the rate 20 per cent for each year since the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has commenced.
- (ii) User agency shall raise penal CA equivalent to the land utilised in violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government for modification of above stated conditions of Stage-I approval dated 18.11.2016 and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 25.04.2017 and acceptance of the same by the competent authority, the approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is hereby granted for deletion of condition No. (ix) & (x) of para 2 and inclusion of the following conditions in Stage-I Clearance letter of even no. dated 18.11.2016 for penal charges :

- (i) A committee under that chairmanship of Sh Tejender Singh PCCF, Regional Office, Bhopal with members sh Kanwarjeet singh APPCCF RO Nagpur, Sh Reddy APCCP RO Chennai, Sh Sanjay Deshmukh Member FAC and Sh Deepak kumar sinha IG (FC) MoEF&CC is formed to decide a policy frame work and quantum of penalty to be imposed in deliberate and unavoidable violations of provisions of FCA 1980.
- (ii) Since the User agency has violated the provisions of FC Act and Rules made thereof, the quantum of penalty shall be imposed and realised as per the recommendations of the committee, constituted for this purpose by the FAC and accepted by the competent authority in the ministry.

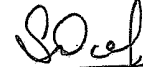


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3. The remaining conditions as stipulated in Stage-I Clearance letter of even no. dated 18.11.2016 remain the same.


After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned at para (2) and (3) above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 27/3/17
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard file.


(Sandeep Sharma) 27/3/17
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)