

F. No. 8-63/2016-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(FC Division)

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Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

To,

Principal Secretary (Forest),  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub.: Application of M/s Industrial Development Corporation of Odisha Ltd seeking approval of MoEF&CC under section 2 (iii) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 over 152.591 ha of forest land within total applied Mining lease area of 155.537 ha pertaining to Tailangi-B Chromite Mine lease under Jajpur District of Odisha.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 10F (Cons)-43/2016/22927/F & E dated 08.12.2016 submitting the above subject proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 26.12.2016 and 17.08.2017. The detailed minutes of the FAC meetings held on 25.04.2017 and 17.08.2017 are placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in).

2. After going through the judgement in the matter in FAC meeting held on 17.08.2017, the FAC observed that the State Government had reported that the matter related to validity of letter of intent is sub-judice. The Forest (Conservation) Act guidelines 2.1 (vi) was perused. It clearly says that "*State Government are advised not to consider/process cases, which are pending in various courts or sub-judice to avoid all sort of administrative and legal complications*". Therefore, the FAC recommended not to grant permission on the proposal for prior approval under Section 2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for concerning 152.591 ha of forest land within total applied Mining lease area of 155.537 ha pertaining to Tailangi-B Chromite Mine lease under Jajpur District of Odisha.

In view of above, I am directed to convey the approval of competent authority for not to grant prior approval for concerning 152.591 ha of forest land within total applied Mining lease area of 155.537 ha pertaining to Tailangi-B Chromite Mine lease under Jajpur District of Odisha..

Yours faithfully,



(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
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