

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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**Dated: 28 April 2023**

To


DDGF (Central),  
MoEF&CC's Integrated Regional Office,  
Bhubaneswar (Odisha)

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Raga Tradecon Pvt. Ltd. for grant of mining lease over 66.242 ha of forest within Netrabandha Pahar (west) iron ore block in Villages Baldihi and Sanua under Bonai Forest Division of Sundergarh District of Odisha State (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/153576/2022)**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter no. FE-DIV-FLD-0026-2023-5707/FE&CC dated 28.03.2023 on above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the forest land proposed for grant of lease under section 2 (iii) of the FCA, 1980 and submit a report to this Ministry for its further necessary action in the matter. It is pertinent to mention here that the forest area given in the mining plan is at variance with the forest area proposed for the mining lease. The factual details in this regard are also required to be ascertained.

Yours faithfully

  
(Suneet Bhardwaj) 28/04/23

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Principle Secretary (Forest), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.
6. Guard file.