

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

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**Dated: August, 2023**

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

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Kashvi Power & Steel Pvt. Ltd. for non-forestry use of 60.508 ha of forest land including 2.331 ha of safety zone in Dholta Pahar Iron Ore Block for iron ore mining in Bonai Forest Division under Sundargarh District, Odisha –reg. (Online No. FP/OR/MIN/150522/2021)**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter no. no. FE-DIV-FLD-00-0030-2023-5799/FE&CC dated 28.03.2023 and additional information submitted by the State vide letter dated 24.07.2023 on above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (ii) 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 diversion and proposed CA land and submit a report to this Ministry for its further necessary action in the matter.

2. The SIR should contain clear observations about the connectivity of the proposed mining area, the density on ground, the crop composition, the impact of mining on the watershed of the surrounding area, impact of the mining on the elephant dispersal/habitat and on the basis of the SIR give clear recommendations. It has also been directed to convey that that in the event of the SIR being submitted by the DIGF, the SIR should also have the remarks and recommendation of the DDG(C). The SIR may be sent within 15 days of issue of this letter.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

**(Dr. Surabhi Rai)**  
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Addl. Chief 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.