

**Sub.:- Forest Land- Gadchiroli**


Proposal for general approval under section 2 (iii) of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for 153.09 ha. forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Surjagad Wooria Hill Bhamragad, Tahsil Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli.

**PART - III**

**(To be filled up by the Secretary Incharge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)**

**1. Recommendation of the State Government**

The proposal is recommended  
vide Government letter  
No.FLD-36A16/CR-402/F-10  
Dated: 15/12/2016

  
(Virendra Tiwari) 15/12/16  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

**Place : Mumbai**

**Date : 15/12/2016**

**Government of Maharashtra**

By Speed Post

No.FLD-36A16/C.R.402/F-10  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
Room No.456/461 Annex, Hutatma  
Rajguru Chowk, Madam Cama Marg,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.  
Date: -15/12/2016

To,  
The Secretary to the Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi.-110003

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Sir,

M/s Gopani Iron & Power (India) Pvt. Ltd has submitted the proposal online on MoEF website for general approval under section 2 (iii) of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for 153.09 ha. forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Surjagad Wooria Hill Bhamragad, Tahsil Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli. The area statement is as shown as below:-

Item of work	Village	District	Sr.No	Area (Ha)	Legal Status
General approval under section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Iron Ore mining	Surjagad Wooria Hill Bhamragad	Gadchiroli	197 & 198	153.09	Reserve Forest

- The proposal is for obtaining general approval under Section 2 (iii) of FCA, 1980 in accordance with the instructions of Government of India communicated vide their letters dt.17/11/2016 and 16/11/2016 for 153.09 ha forest land for Iron Ore mining in Dist. Gadchiroli.
- The Government of India vide letter dt.17/11/2016 conveyed that the Minsitry has decided that the user agency seeking permission under section 2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall apply online on the prescribe form which is available on [http:// forestclearnce.nic.in/](http://forestclearnce.nic.in/) website. The detail guidelines/procedure for submission of application is available on website. In this regard only online application will be considered by Minsitry.
- Approval under Section 2 (ii) or 2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the forest land included in the total mining lease area has not previously been obtained.
- As per the Site Inspection Report of the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Bhamragarh Division, Allapalli the area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density more than 0.4 to 0.7 and category Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest.
- The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragarh Division, Allapalli has certified that the proposed project is beyond 10 km from the boundary of Protected Area.

7. The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc as certified the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragarh Division, Allapalli.
8. The User Agency has submitted the undertaking for payment of NPV of the forest land allowed to be utilized for the mining lease, against the forest land proposed for diversion.
9. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, as per the report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragarh Division, Allapalli.
10. The process for settlement of the rights under the Schedule Tribes and Other traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 on the proposed forest land for lease has not been completed by the User Agency (application made to Collector, Gadchiroli on 9/9/2016 and hence is in progress).
11. The User Agency has submitted the Geo digital map in 1:11,000 scale with geo-reference boundary in shape file prepared by using total stations or differential GPS and also indicated forest land, non-forest land & adjoining land for general approval under Section 2 (iii) of FC Act, in different colors.
12. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
13. In the circumstances explained in above paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that that Government of India may kindly be moved for general approval of 153.09 ha. forest land under section 2 (iii) of forest conservation Act for 153.09 ha. forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Surjagad Wooria Hill Bhamragad, Tahsil Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli under section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the same may please be obtained and communicated to this Government at earliest.

Yours faithfully,

*15/12/16*  
*Dr. Virendra Tiwari*

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

Encl: A) Set of case papers

- b) **The following documents are enclosed:-**
1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
  2. Area Statement.
  3. KML file, Geo-reference Map
  4. Site Inspection Report
  5. Mining Plan
  6. Certificate in Part III

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*Recd 15/12/2016*  
*Jignesh*  
*15/12/2016*  
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Copy to:

- 1) The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, West Central Regional Office, Ground Floor, Eastern Wing, New Secretariat Building, Opposite Old VCA Stadium, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001
- 2) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur
- 3) Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
- 4) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragarh Division, Allapalli
- 5) M/s Gopani Iron & Power (India) Pvt. Ltd, Distt. Chandrapur.
- 6) F-10 Select File.