

By Post/e-mail

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT**

Memo No. 30802 /FECC, Date 13 OCT 2025
FE-DIV-FLD-0101-2021/ 10F (Cons) 179/2015

Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC (F.C. Division), New Delhi Letter dtd.06.10.2025 on the matter of proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of balance forest land of 89.961 ha (Fresh area 79.367 ha and 10.594 ha earlier diverted area for renewal and land use change) (originally proposed area of 84.707 ha) in favour of Shri Avin Jain (Heir of late Shri DC Jain) for mining of Iron and Manganese Ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore Mines located in Baitrani RF II, District Keonjhar (Odisha)-reg forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

He is requested to submit the information/ documents directly to the Ministry under intimation to this Department.

Dr. 13/10/2025
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 30803 / FE&CC Date 13 OCT 2025

Copy with copy of enclosures forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dr. 13/10/2025
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 30804 /FE&CC, Date 13 OCT 2025

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Steel & Mines Department/ Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary to Govt., FE&CC Department/ Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha/ Collector, Keonjhar for information and necessary action.

Dr. 13/10/2025
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 30805 /FE&CC, Date 13 OCT 2025

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action.

Dr. 13/10/2025
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

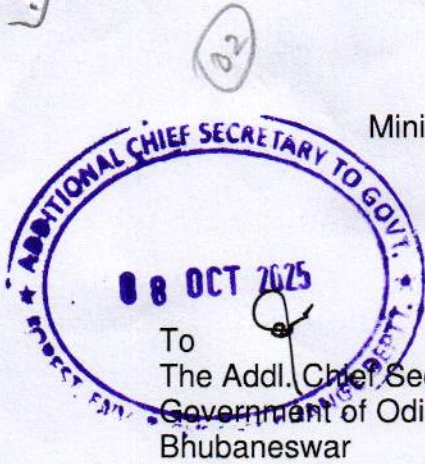
Memo No. 30806/FECC, Date 13 OCT 2025

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Avin Jain, POA, C/o-Dharamchand Jain (Mining Lessee), Dharam villa, 12-A, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110024 for information and necessary action.

disposal
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government



27561/FE/25
10/10/2025



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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 06-10-2025

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

Sub Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of balance forest land of 89.961 ha (Fresh area 79.367 ha and 10.594 ha earlier diverted area for renewal and land use change) (originally proposed area of 84.707 ha) in favour of Shri Avin Jain (Heir of late Shri DC Jain) for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines located in Baitrani RF II, District Keojhar (Odisha)-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons.) 179/2015/16479/F & E Bhubaneswar dated 15.09.2015 on the above mentioned subject for seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Further, it is informed that the proposal along with additional information submitted by the State Govt. vide letter dated FE-DIV-FLD-0101-2021-12349/FE&CC dated 18997/9F (MG) -18/2015 dated 11.09.2025 was considered by the Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26.09.2025. After the examination of the proposal, the Advisory committee has deferred the proposal; for want of the following document/ information:

- i. The 10.594 hectares area which is already diverted is represented by multiple small, scattered patches throughout the proposed lease, rather than as a single consolidated block. Therefore, the State shall verify the precise location of the 10.594 hectares of diverted area and submit a detailed layout of the same supported by documentary evidence.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
SUNDAR SAMBAMOORTHY
Date: 07-10-2025
10:00:57

(S. Sundar)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

sol m/s
to
whenever
As per
10/10/25

2014/11/20
102/11/20



Handwritten notes and signatures in the bottom right corner, including what appears to be a date "102/11/20" and a signature.

55-4-150