

STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF PLOT NO. GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR BHUBANESWAR-751023

Memo No.

21576

/9F (MG) - 368/2016

Dated, Bhubaneswar the

26 h October' 2022

To

The RCCF, Angul Circle

Sub-: Diversion of 23.80 ha of forest land (as per Sabik records as on 25.10.1980) including 2.240 ha of forest land in safety zone area for Chromite ore mining from their Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines by M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. (FACOR) in Cuttack Forest Division coming under jurisdiction of Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District, Odisha- GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar observations regarding.

Ref-: (i) Letter F.No.5-ORC 288/2016-BHU dated 07.09.2022 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

(ii) Your Memo No. 4181 dated 12.10.2022.

On scrutiny of the compliance report submitted vide your memo at (ii) above, it is found that neither you nor DFO, Cuttack division have furnished any comments/views regarding the compliance furnished by the user agency. Rather, you have simply forwarded the same to this office.

Further, it is pertinent to mention that as per **observation No. 2** raised by the GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar vide letter at (i) above, the user agency has reported that the mining activity is continuing till date by virtue of Hon'ble High Court of Odisha Order dated 20.12.2016 and 16.01.2017. No such clarity has been furnished about the verdict of Hon'ble Court.

The compliance in respect of Point No. 2 of GoI observation is found not convincing and hence you and DFO, Cuttack division are requested to offer your clear cut views and send all the orders of Hon'ble Court starting with interim order and the last order for further course of action.

Conservator of Forests (Node

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Copy forwarded to the DFO, Cuttack Forest division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4182 dated 12.10.2022 of RCCF, Angul Circle. He is requested to furnish his specific views on the compliance report of the user agency to the RCCF, Angul Circle.

Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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Copy forwarded to the Authorised Signatory, Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines, M/s FACOR Ltd., At/Po-Kalarangiatta, Dist-Jajpur for information & necessary action.

Conservator of Forests (Nodal)