

कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक एवं वन बल प्रमुख, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल
(शाखा-भू-प्रबंध)

सी-ब्लॉक, द्वितीय तल, लिंक रोड नं.-2, वन भवन, तुलसी नगर, भोपाल, म0प्र0-462003

क्रमांक/एफ-1/831/2021/10-11/2477

भोपाल, दिनांक 01-10-25

प्रति,

1. वन मंडल अधिकारी,
सामान्य वन मंडल, दक्षिण बालाघाट,
मध्य प्रदेश।
2. मेसर्स अर्पण फेरो एलायस, जनरल मैनेजर,
कोसमी, बालाघाट, मध्यप्रदेश।

विषय:- वन मंडल दक्षिण बालाघाट के वन परिक्षेत्र खैरलांजी के वन कक्ष क्रमांक PF- 807 & PF- 809 के रकबा 28.02 हे. वनभूमि में ओपन कास्ट पद्धति से मैंगनीज ओर खनिज उत्खनन का मेसर्स अर्पणा फेरो एलायस, बालाघाट का आन लाईन प्रस्ताव क्र. FP/MP/MIN/19894/2016

संदर्भ:-भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भोपाल का पत्र क्रमांक 6 MPR004/2022-BHO/(E-175974) दिनांक 29.09.2025

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विषयांकित प्रकरण में भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा उक्त पत्र से प्रकरण में 06 बिन्दुओं पर अतिरिक्त जानकारी चाही गई है। भारत सरकार के संदर्भित पत्र की छायाप्रति संलग्न कर लेख है कि आवेदक संस्था से संबंधित बिन्दु एवं आपसे संबंधित बिन्दुओं की एकजाई जानकारी तत्काल इस कार्यालय को पोर्टल/हार्ड कापी में इस कार्यालय को 02 प्रतियों में भेजे।

संलग्न:-उपरोक्तानुसार।



(एच.एस. मोहन्ता)

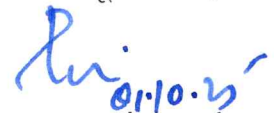
अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

पृ. क्रमांक/एफ-1/831/2021/10-11/2478

भोपाल, दिनांक 01-10-25

प्रतिलिपि:-

मुख्य वन संरक्षक, बालाघाट वृत्त, बालाघाट, मध्य प्रदेश की ओर सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित।



अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

F. No. 6-MPR004/2022-BHO (E- 175974)

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi- 110003
Dated: 29-09-2025

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Madhya Pradesh
Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 28.02 ha of Protected Forest land in Survey No. PF-807 & 809 for extraction of manganese ore mining through open cast method in favour of M/s Arpan Ferro Alloys in Balaghat District of Madhya Pradesh (Online proposal No FP/MP/MIN/19894/2016) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter dated 18.06.2025 regarding the proposal mentioned in above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard, after examination of the proposal in the Ministry, the following shortcomings has been observed in the proposal:

- i. It has been submitted by the State Government that the Mining plan of the instant proposal has been revoked by the IBM on 09.06.2021 and the matter for validity of the Mining Plan is under consideration with the Honorable High Court which implies that the matter is sub judice with regard to the validity of the mining plan. It is pertinent to mention here that as per Para 7.2 of Chapter-7 given under the Consolidated Handbook of Rules & Guidelines issued by the Ministry on dated 29.12.2023, the User Agency should have valid Mining Plan. Therefore, there is no justification for considering a mining proposal which does not have a valid and approved Mining plan as on date.
- ii. It has been submitted by the State Govt. that UA agreed to comply with all the conditions/provisions of section 10 A 2 (c) of MMDR Amendment Act, 2015. However, the Comments/ recommendation by the Mineral Resources Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh whether the lease/Lol is valid as on date in light of provisions of section 10 A (2)(c) of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 has not been submitted. The same needs submission
- iii. As per DSS examination, the area for safety zone is 1.72 Ha. whereas, as per the component wise breakup submitted in part-1 of the application form, the area for plantation is 1 ha. This needs clarification.
- iv. As per the DSS examination, it is observed that the user agency has

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uploaded incorrect KML file of the approach access Road (width varying from 0.65 m to 1.99 m) because the proposed Road is not found connected with any existing Road. The State Govt. is requested to submit the correct KML file as per the component wise breakup of the proposal.

- v. As per DSS Analysis, two earthen dam/ tanks are located at a distance of 378 meters and 336 meters respectively from the proposed forest land for mining. Thus, it cannot be stated whether the proposed forest land is part of the catchment area of these earthen dams/ tanks or otherwise. This needs to be clarified by the State Government.
- vi. The State Govt. reported that 17.0565 ha Non-Forest area for CA has been proposed in village Dhipur whereas the KML file has been uploaded for an area of 15.83 ha. Similarly, KML file area of CA land in Village Khapakheda has been found to be 12.38 ha instead of 10.9635 ha actually proposed as per the proposal. The correct KML files of the Non-forest land proposed for CA needs to be uploaded online on PARIVESH portal.

2. In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to the Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Digitally signed by
SUNEET BHARDWAJ
Date: 29-09-2025
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Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office, at Bhopal.
3. APCCF—cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading.
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