OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ROURKELA CIRCLE, AT/P.O. PANPOSH, ROURKELA-769 004.

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Memo No. /3F(Dis-K)119/2018. Dated, Rourkela the, 15 th, January, 2018.

To

The Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division.

Sub:

Proposal for diversion of 345.189 ha Forest land involved in the mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

Ref:

i) Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/8707/2014, State Sl. No. OR-012/2017 dated 20.03.2017.

ii) Your Memo No.8043 dtd.17.12.2017.

On scrutiny of the above diversion proposal submitted vide your Memo under reference, it is seen that in your Site Inspection Report enclosed therein, you have mentioned that, there is no violation under the F.C. Act, 1980. But as per first report of illegal mining of Iron and Manganese Ores in the state of Odisha of Justice M.B. Shah Commission of Inquiry, Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines (366.311 ha.) of M/s OMC Ltd finds place at SI No. 34 of Annexure-IVA (i.e. Details of the mining leases having production without obtaining approval under FC Act, 1980 at all during subsisting lease period and deemed extension period but leases were allowed to operate illegally). In this context, you had also submitted your action taken report vide your Memo No. 8448 dated 12.12.2014 addressed to this office and copy endorsed to the Addl. PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF, Odisha indicating therein that, the Collector, Keonjhar has been requested to take legal action in respect of Revenue & DLC forest vide Your Letter No. 8434 dt.11.12.2014 in respect of the above mining lease. This has not also been reflected in your forwarding letter.

In view of above, you are requested to furnish your compliance alongwith the latest development in the matter.

> Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 110 / Date: 15.1.2018
Copy forwarded to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 8044 dated 17.12.2017 of the DFO, Keonjhar Division.

> Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle