

MOST URGENT

Government of Odisha  
Forest & Environment Department

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No.10F (Cons) 255/2016 <sup>1580</sup>/F&E, Bhubaneswar, dated. 21-1-17  
From

Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS,  
Special Secretary to Government.

To

The Special Secretary to Government  
Steel & Mines Department


Sub: Proposal for diversion of 124.313ha. of sabik kisam forest land as on 25th October 1980(treated as non-forest land in hal record) out of total forest land of 723.312ha. (including sabik kisam forest land of 238.093ha), located within the Mining Lease hold area over 1586.36 ha of Bolani Ore Mines (6.9sq.miles ) of Steel Authority of India Ltd. in villages of Bolani, Balagoda, Limtur etc. and Karo Reserved Forests under Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Odisha during 2<sup>nd</sup> RML period( FP/OR/MIN/20126/2016)

Sir,

I am directed to say that above mentioned forest diversion proposal was recommended by the State Government to MoEF&CC, GoI vide letter No.15307/F&E dt. 19.8.2016 for consideration and approval under Section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 under intimation to Steel & Mines Department vide Memo No. 15321 dt. 19.8.2016. Having considered the proposal, the MoEF&CC vide their letter F.No. 8-87/1996-FC(Vol.I) dt. 12.1.2017 have raised certain issues based on the recommendation of Forest Advisory Committee(Copy of MoEF letter enclosed). Issues raised in their letter includes requirement of submission of documentary evidence of development of a township within the leasehold area prior to 1980, breaking up of safety zone area and total mining lease area. MoEF&CC have asked for comments/information from the State Government in this context.

It is therefore requested to kindly provide relevant comments/information on all the issues raised urgently to this department for providing the same to MoEF&CC, GoI.

Yours faithfully

  
Special Secretary to Government

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Memo No. 1581 /Dt. 21-1-17

Copy along with the copy of enclosures forwarded to the PCCF, Odisha/Director of Mines, Odisha for information and necessary action. It is requested to kindly furnish compliance on the issues raised by MoEF&CC.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1582 /Dated. 21-1-17

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

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1583 /Dated. 21-1-17

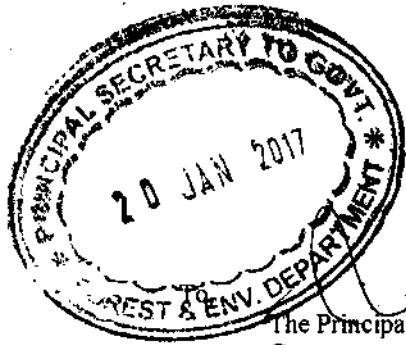
Copy along with the copy of enclosures forwarded to the Collector, Keonjhar for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1584 /Dated. 21-1-17

Copy along with the copy of enclosures forwarded to the Sri Paresh Chandra Naik, General Manager(Mines), Steel Authority of India Ltd, RMD, Bolani, Dist. Keonjhar, Odisha, Pin 758037 for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Government



F. No. 8- 87/1996-FC (Vol.I)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi: 110003.

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub:** Diversion of 124.313 ha of sabik kisam forest land as on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1980 (treated as non-forest land in hal record) out of total forest land of 723.312 ha (including sabik kisam forest land of 238.093 ha) located within the ML hold area over 1586.36 ha of Bolani Ore Mines (6.9 sq. miles) of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) in villages of Bolani, Balagoda, Limtur etc. and Karo Reserved Forests under Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Odisha during 2<sup>nd</sup> RML period.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons) 255/2016/15317/F&E dated 19.08.2016 on the subject mentioned and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting convened on 26.12.2016. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 26.12.2016 is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in). After examination of the said proposal, the Forest Advisory Committee inter alia recommended that:

1. On analysis through Decision Support System (DSS) and land schedule given by State Government, it is learnt that there is township on over 20.795 ha. Area. User Agency in its presentation observed that the township is constructed before 1980. Documentary evidence for its construction prior to 1980 shall be submitted.
2. Safety zone of 2.687 ha has been reported to be broken. Action taken report against the officials for the violation shall be submitted by State Government.
3. In Site inspection report (SIR) submitted by regional office it is reported that the total area has been mentioned 723.312 ha in the proposal whereas total comes to 725.07 as per DGPS survey and 744.233 ha as per revenue records. In this regards comments of State Government shall be sought.

In view of above, I am directed to request the State Govt. of Odisha to submit the above information to this Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

  
(Sandeep Sharma)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)