

## GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

## FOREST, ENVIRONMENT &amp; CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

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Memo No. 21540 /FE&CC,Date 03.12.22

FE-DIV-FLD-0056-2022/No.10F (Cons) 27/2022

Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide Letter File No.8-17/2022-FC, dt.11.11.2022 on the matter of proposal for non-forestry use of 697.979 ha of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tahasil, Koraput District, Odisha by M/s NALCO Ltd.-reg forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and necessary compliance.

It is requested to kindly furnish the required a report as sought for therein directly to the Ministry under intimation to this Department.

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 21541 /FE&CC,Date 03.12.22

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

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 21542 /FE&CC,Date 03.12.22

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

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 21543 /FE&CC,Date 03.12.22

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

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government



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Memo No. 21544 /FE&CC, <sup>-2-</sup>

Date 03.12.22

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the General Manager, M/s NALCO Ltd, NALCO Bhawan, P/1, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Pin-751061 for information and necessary action.

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government



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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
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New Delhi-110003

**Dated: 11th November, 2022**

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

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**Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 697.979 ha of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tehsil of Koraput District, Odisha by M/s NALCO Ltd.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0056-2022-11955/FE&CC dated 08.07.2022 and no. 20420/9F (MG) - 337/2021 dated 06.10.2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

The proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in the meeting held on 17.10.2022 and the minutes of the meeting may be accessed at: [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). The FAC observed that a kuccha road passing through the lease area is said to have been constructed during 1972 to 1978. The FAC opined that during the period of more than 44 years, the kuccha road should have been covered with vegetation and/or merged with the surroundings; therefore, all facts pertaining to the said road needs to be examined in depth and a report thereon should be submitted by the State Government to the Committee for further consideration.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit a report, as above, to the Ministry, enabling further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully

Signed by Charan Jeet  
Singh  
Date: 14-11-2022 20:32:19  
Reason: Approved

Sd/-  
(Charan Jeet Singh)  
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard file

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