



**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF,
ODISHA, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR**

Memo No. **20893** /9F (MG)-66/2021
Dated, Bhubaneswar the **06th** December, 2021

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Rourkela Circle

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 42.608 ha of forest land (16.658 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 25.950 ha in Bonai Forest Division) within Kalmang West (Northern part) Iron Ore Block in Keonjhar and Sundargarh District allotted to M/s TATA Steel BSL Ltd. (Formerly known as Bhusan Steel Ltd.) u/s 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 (Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/49169/2020, State Sl. No.OR-058/2020 dated 12.10.2020)

Ref: (i) Your Memo No.2854 dated 05.10.2021
(ii) This office Memo No.19326 dated 15.11.2021

In inviting a reference to your above cited correspondence on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that, on scrutiny of the above diversion proposal submitted by you, the following shortcomings are noticed.

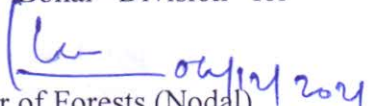
1. The project proponent M/s TATA Steel BSL Ltd. has applied permission under Section-2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over 42.608 ha of forest land (16.658 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 25.950 ha in Bonai Forest Division). The above proposal has already been forwarded to Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Dept. for permission under Section-2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide this office memo No.19325 dated 15.11.2021. The UA may be advised to submit proposal under Section-2 (ii) of FC Act, 1980 instead of under Section-2 (iii) and 2 (ii) both.
2. As per para-7.9 of Chapter-7 of Handbook of Guideline dated 28.03.2019, all mining projects are required to have a 7.5 meter wide peripheral SZ within the mining lease area. But in this instant proposal, the UA has applied for diversion of 24.802 ha forest land under Section-2 (ii) of FC Act, 1980 excluding SZ area of 1.148 ha in case of Bonai Division which is contradictory.
3. 512 number of trees have been enumerated over 16.658 ha of forest land pertaining to Keonjhar Division. But the RCCF Rourkela Circle and DFO Keonjhar Division reported in Site Inspection Report that 433 number of trees have been enumerated.
4. The Site Specific CA and Additional CA scheme should be prepared as per the guidelines issued by this office Memo No.18833 dated 08.11.2021 and Memo No.20566 dated 01.12.2021.

In view of the above, the diversion proposal is returned herewith to comply the shortcomings as pointed out above and resubmit the same for early processing of the proposal.

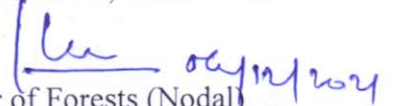
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Memo No. 20895 /Dt. 06-12-2021
Copy forwarded to M/s TATA Steel Ltd. 273, Bhouma Nagar, Unit-IV, BBSR-1 for information and necessary action.


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