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No. 1181 /9F (MG) – 80/2016  
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 19<sup>th</sup> January' 2022

From

Smt Pusazhule Mekro, IFS  
Principal CCF (FD & NO, FC Act)  
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110510

Sub: **Proposal for non-forestry use of 63.30 ha Sabik Kisam forest land in addition to 371.192 ha of forest land already diverted located within the Mining Lease hold area over 767.284 ha in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd for Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines in Barbil Tahasil of District Keonjhar(Odisha) – regarding.**

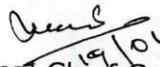
Ref:- GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi Letter F.No. 8-17/2001-FC(Vol) dated 16.12.2021.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi Letter cited above on the captioned subject, the compliance submitted by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle vide his Memo No. 104 dated 06.01.2022 alongwith its enclosures is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

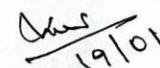
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Yours faithfully

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 1182 / Dt. 19.01.22

Copy along with one set of compliance forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for information and necessary.

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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Memo No. 1183 /Dt. 19.01.22

Copy along with one set of compliance forwarded to the Special Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to FE&CC Department Letter No. 23207/FE&CC dated 31.12.2021.

*19/01*  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 1184 /Dt. 19.01.22

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 104 dated 06.01.2022.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 1185 /Dt. 19.01.22

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 105 dated 06.01.2022 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 1186 /Dt. 19.01.22

Copy forwarded to the Authorised Signatory, M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Plot No. 3, Forest Park, Sishubhawan Square, Bhubaneswar-751009, Odisha for information and necessary action.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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

Memo No. 104 /3F-77/2021. Date: 06.01.2022

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act),  
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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Ref:-

1. F. No. 8-17/001-FC(Vol) dtd. 16.12.2021 of MoEF & CC, GoI
2. Your Memo No.21828 Dtd.17.12.2021
3. Memo No. 87 Dtd.05.01.2022 of DFO, Keonjhar Division.

With reference to above, the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division vide his Memo No.86 Dtd.05.01.2022 with copy to you in the next Memo of even date has submitted the point wise compliance with the observations of the FAC in respect of Point No (i) to (iv) vide letter F.No.8-17/001-FC(Vol) dtd. 16.12.2021 of the MoEF & CC, GoI which is as follows:

i. **Action taken by the State Government on the violation of FC Act committed by the erstwhile lessee specifically about compensation of loss incurred to the surrounding forest due to illegal mining and restoration measures, if any, undertaken by the State.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, necessary action has been initiated against erstwhile lessee for violation of FC Act, 1980 & change of the land use of the forest land diverted without prior approval of the competent authority. The detailed action taken report is furnished below:-

Sl No.	Violation Committed by the user agency	Action Taken Report
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Un-authorized extraction of mineral and subsequent dumping on the same site over 8.12 ha of virgin forest land.</li><li>2. Extension of broken up pit No. H &amp; I over 4.86 ha. in VF.</li><li>3. Dislocation of all the broken up pillars in Block- J from their original position.</li><li>4. Non-grouting of ML pillars with cement concrete.</li><li>5. Seizure of 07 Nos. Sal log and 03 Nos. Siris log (0.6911 Cum) inside lease hold area (Bhuyan Barapada VF area) &amp; Tipper bearing regd. No. OR-09J-9305.</li></ol>	Forest Offence case vide OR case No. 172BL of 2011-12 has been registered and prosecution sanctioned vide PR No. 02 of 2012-13 and submitted in the Hon'ble Court of JMFC, Barbil. The case is sub-judice.

2	<p>1. Illegal dumping of sub-grade iron ore in safety zone area within ML pillar No. 95 to 97 of dimension 593 mtr X 7.5 mtr in forest kissam land in village Barapada.</p> <p>2. Breaking of Safety zone from ML pillar No.106 to 110 over dimension 571 mtr x 36 mtr. x 15 mtr.</p>	<p>Forest Offence case vide OR case No. 67BL &amp; 68BL of 2012-13 have been registered and prosecution sanctioned vide PR No. 15 of 2012-13 and PR No. 16 of 2012-13 and submitted in the Hon'ble Court of JMFC, Barbil. The case are sub-judice.</p>
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As per judgement dated 2.8.2017 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the erstwhile lessee i.e. M/s KJS Ahluwalia has fully paid the compensation amount of Rs.1074,93,88,658/- for violation of E(P) Act, 1986 and FC Act, 1980 within the stipulated time i.e. 31.12.2017.

ii. **Status of details of penalty recovered from the erstwhile user agency in accordance with directions contained in the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement dated 02.09.2017.**

The DFO, Keonjhar has reported that in pursuance of judgement dated 2.8.2017 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP (C) No.114/2014 (common cause), the ex-lessee, M/s K.J.S Ahluwalia has fully paid the Compensation amount as demanded under section 21(5) of MMDR Act, 1957 for violation of E(P) Act, 1986 & FC Act, 1980 within the stipulated time i.e. 31.12.2017. In this regard, the Director of Mines, Odisha, Bhubaneswar has provided the detailed chart indicating compensation demanded and payments collected in respect of Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of Ex-lessee which is enclosed vide **Annexure-4**.

iii. **Status of DFL identified for undertaking afforestation of surplus seedlings along with supporting details such as number of trees proposed to be planted, suitability of area, site-specific CA scheme, KML / shape files, etc.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the scheme for compensatory afforestation over 65.00 ha (AR model @1000 nos. seedlings per ha & ANR without gap over 5.00 ha has been prepared at current wage rate @315/- per MD as per revised cost norm provided by the PCCF, Odisha vide his O.O. No.1109 dtd. 08.11.2021 which is enclosed herewith vide **Annexure-1**. The said degraded forest land over 65.00 ha has been identified in Kunar DPF under BJP Range of Keonjhar Division for undertaking Compensatory Afforestation of balance 50640 nos. (63300-12660) of seedlings. The identified degraded forest land is suitable for AR plantation @1000 seedlings per ha over 60.00 ha & over the remaining 5.00 ha ANR without gap. The DSS report of the identified site is as below:-

Area identified for CA plantation	MDF	Non-Forest	Open Forest
65.00	5.00	51.00	9.00

The suitability certificate given by Range Officer, BJP is enclosed vide **Annexure-1A** KML file / Shape file enclosed herewith in CD format.

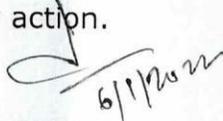
iv. **Status of compliance of conditions stipulated in the approval granted in 2004, including present status of reclamation and rehabilitation of mined out areas.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division:

- i) The compliance report of the conditions stipulated in the approval granted in 2004 is enclosed vide **Annexure-2**.
- ii) The user agency has intimated that, the entire mining lease is fully mineralised and they will reclaim mined out pits in conformity with the approved mining plan. The User Agency will also stabilise the inactive dumps and rehabilitate the same by planting indigenous species. In this regards, the User Agency, M/s JSW Steel Ltd has submitted an undertaking which is enclosed vide **Annexure-3**.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above.

  
Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Rourkela Circle

Memo No.

Date:

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.86 dated 05.01.2022.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Rourkela Circle

Memo No.

Date:

Copy forwarded to Shri Baswaraj Mahadevppa Dalgade, Authorised Signatory, General Manager (Project), Nuagaon Iron Ore Block of M/s JSW Steel Limited, JSW Centre Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, PIN-400051, E-mail: baswaraj.dalgade@jsw.in for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.88 dated 05.01.2022 of the DFO, Keonjhar Division.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Rourkela Circle



STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,  
BHUBANESWAR

No. **14814** / 9F (MG) - 80/2016  
Dated, Bhubaneswar the **31<sup>st</sup>** August, 2021

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,  
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department,  
Government of Odisha.

**Sub: Diversion of 63.30 ha Sabik Kissam forest land as on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1980 (treated as non-forest land in hal record) I addition to 371.192 ha of forest land already diverted out of total forest land of 639.823 ha (including sabik kisam forest land of 114.061 ha), located within the Mining Lease hold area over 767.284 ha of Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of Shri Kamaljeet Singh Ahluwalia (Now new lessee M/s JSW Steel Ltd) in village-Nuagaon, Topadihi, Kolharudhukela, Barpada and Katasahi etc. under Barbi Tahasil of Keonjhar District, Odisha - Compliance of FAC observations dated 20.12.2016 of GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi regarding.**

Ref:- 1) F. No. 8-17/001-FC(Vol) dated 20.12.2016 of GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.  
2) Memo No.24393/F&E dated 29.12.2016 of Special Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department.

Madam,

In inviting a reference to the above cited correspondences on the captioned subject, the DFO, Keonjhar division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle have furnished the required compliance to the FAC observations dated 20.12.2016 of GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi pertaining to the new lessee i.e M/s JSW Steel Ltd which is detailed below. Further, the new lessee M/s JSW Steel Ltd has put forth the following points in respect of the aforementioned project which has been forwarded both by the DFO, Keonjhar division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

1. The MoEF & CC, GoI had granted forest clearance over 371.192 ha forest land under section 2(ii) of F.C. Act, 1980 vide F. No. 8-7/2001-FC dated 21/22 April, 2004. The said forest clearance has been vested to M/s JSW Steel Ltd. for two years by virtue of the letter No.4167 dated 29.05.2020 of Steel & Mines Department, Govt. of Odisha which is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.
2. On 06.12.2019, the Govt. of Odisha issued a Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for auction of mining lease for Iron & Manganese mines whose lease period were expiring on 31.03.2020 and Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines was one of such mine.

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3. The e-auction of the said block was conducted in the month of February, 2019 by the Govt. of Odisha. In the said e- auction, JSW was declared as the "Preferred Bidder" of the said Nuagaon Iron Ore Block.
  4. On 29.05.2020 the Vesting Order was issued by the State Government in terms of Rule 9(A)(1) of the Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbon Energy Minerals) concession Rules, 2016. By virtue of the said vesting order all rights, approvals, clearances, licences of the ex-lessee got vested with JSW for two years.
  5. JSW Steel Ltd. have deposited Net Present Value (NPV) of total forest area of 649.508 ha which includes Sabik Kisam forest land for an amount of Rs.48,71,31,000/- on 05.06.2020 in terms of the Guidelines dated 31.03.2020 issued by the MoEF & CC, GoI and vesting order dated 29.05.2020.
  6. Accordingly, the Lease Deed was executed on 27.06.2020.
  7. Subsequent to the execution of the lease, JSW Steel Ltd. have applied for the forest clearance of the entire forest land within the lease hold area as stipulated under Rue 9A(2) of the Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
  8. That, in the meanwhile, the MMDR (Amendment) Act 2021 has been notified which says that *"8B.(1) – all valid rights, approvals, clearances, licences and the like granted to a lessee in respect of the mine--- shall continue to be valid even after expiry or termination of lease and such rights, approvals, clearances, licences and the like shall be transferred to, and vested, subject to the conditions provided under such laws, in the successful bidder of the mining lease selected through auction.*
  9. That the State Government vide their letter No.10F(Cons) 138/2015/14826/F&E dated 09.08.2016 submitted a proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 63.30 ha Sabik Kissam Forest land of Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines in village-Nuagaon, Topodihi, Kolharudhukela, Barpada and Katasahi etc. under Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District.
  10. This proposal was examined by FAC in their meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. FAC recommended the proposal with general, standard and following specific conditions:
    - The user agency shall pay additional NPV at the rate 20 percent for each year since the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has commenced.
    - User Agency shall raise penal CA equivalent to the land utilized in violation of provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

FAC further observed that the proposal file shall be placed before Competent Authority for approval on receipt of following information:

- i) State Government shall submit original certificate of complete compliance of FRA, 2006.

- ii) For compensatory afforestation (CA) equivalent non-forest land (NFL) is to be earmarked and plantation has to be raised @1000 plants/ ha, of forest land diverted. On analysis through DSS it is found that some are of the proposed non forest land for CA is having moderately dense vegetation over it, therefore 1000 plants / ha cannot be planted. The proposed non-forest land for CA shall be accepted provided the number of plants which are not possible to be planted on the proposed land, shall be planted on degraded forest land (crown density upto 40% as [er Forest Survey of India report) identified by the Forest Department. State Government shall identified degraded forest land (DFL) within its administration control and submit the location of area and shape file with possible number of plants to be planted in the proposed degraded forest land. The compensatory afforestation scheme shall be for 1000 plants/ ha of the forest land diverted under this proposal including maintenance cost for 10 years. The State Government shall submit the revised CA scheme.
- iii) State Government shall submit latest status of court cases related to violations pending in different Courts.
- iv) FAC took a serious note of the observation of the State Government that the user agency has violated the provisions of FC Act and change the land use of the forest land diverted without prior approval of competent authority. It is observed by the FAC that the user agency had violated the conditions stipulated in the approval by MoEF&CC vide letter No.8-17/2001-FC dated 22.04.2004, for diversion of forest land within the same mining lease. User agency has been found to deviate from the approved land use plan. This speaks about the credibility of the user agency in observing the conditions imposed by this Ministry while granting permission for diversion of the forest land under FC Act, 1980. The MoEF&CC may request the Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar to initiate proceeding in accordance with the provision of Section 3A & 3B of the FC Act, 1980 and file complaint in the court having jurisdiction in the matter against officials' prime facie found guilty for changing the land use of the diverted forest land without prior approval of competent authority.

In view of the above, M/s JSW have submitted the point wise compliance to the observations of FAC vide Letter dated 20.12.2016 of MoEF & CC, GoI which has been duly forwarded by the DFO, Keonjhar division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle as detailed below.

**Observation (1)-:** *The user agency shall pay additional NPV at the rate 20 percent for each year since the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has commenced.*

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s JSW Steel Ltd, the new lessee has stated that since the violations are due to the previous lessee i.e. M/s KJS Ahluwalia, they are not attributable to the present lessee and hence M/s JSW Steel Ltd. cannot be held accountable for the violation carried out by the ex-lessee.

**Observation (2)-:** *User agency shall raise Penal CA equivalent to the land utilized in violation of provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.*

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that M/s JSW Steel Ltd, the new lessee has stated that since the violations are due to the previous lessee i.e. M/s KJS Ahluwalia, they are not attributable to the present lessee and hence M/s JSW Steel Ltd. cannot be held accountable for the violation carried out by the ex-lessee.

**Observation (2)(i)-:** State Government shall submit original certificate of complete compliance of FRA, 2006.

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the entire process of FRA,2006 has been completed and the Collector, Keonjhar has issued FRA certificate over 631.544 ha of forest land vide his Lr. No.2093 dated 18.12.2017 which is enclosed as Annexure-II.

**Observation (2)(ii)-:** For Compensatory Afforestation (CA), equivalent non-forest land (NFL) is to be earmarked and plantation has to be raised @1000plants/ha, of forest land diverted. On analysis through DSS it is found that some area of the proposed non-forest land for CA is having moderate dense vegetation over it, therefore, 1000 plants/ ha cannot be planted. The proposed non-forest land for CA shall be accepted provided the number of plants which are not possible to be planned on proposed land shall be planted on degraded forest land (Crown density up to 40% as per Forest Survey of India report) identified by the forest department. State Govt. shall identify degraded forest land (DFL) within its administrative control and submit the location of the area and shape file with possible nos. of plants to be planted in the proposed DFL. The CA Scheme shall be for 1000 plants/ ha of the forest land diverted under this proposal including maintenance cost for 10 years. The State Govt. shall submit the revised CA Scheme.

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, in this regard, the Forest Range Officer, Champua has identified about 253.20 ha of DFL in Chamakpur RF for CA and JSW Steel Ltd. undertakes to bear the statutory levies towards the CA scheme including maintenance cost for 10 years against the approved revised CA Scheme. In this context, the new lessee i.e M/s JSW Steel Ltd has furnished an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as Annexure-III.

**Observation (2)(iii)-:** State government shall submit latest status of court Cases related to violations pending in different Courts.

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has furnished the up-to-date status of the cases filed in compliance with the condition No.2 (iii) of the FAC observation which is furnished here under:-.

Sl No.	Forest Case No.	Court	Violation Committed	Status of the Case
1	OR No.172 BL of 2011-12 PR No.2 of 2012-13	Hon'ble JMFC, Barbil, Keonjhar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Un-authorized extraction of mineral and subsequent dumping on the same site over 8.12 ha virgin forest land.</li><li>2. Extension of broken up pit No. H &amp; I over 4.86 ha in VF.</li><li>3. Dislocation of all the broken up pillars in Block- J from their original position.</li><li>4. Non-grouting of ML pillars with cement concrete.</li><li>5. Seizure of 07 Nos. Sal log and 03 Nos. Siris log (0.6911 Cum) inside lease hold area (Bhuyan Barapada VF area) &amp;Tipper bearing regd. No. OR-09J-9305.</li></ol>	Case is sub-judice in the Court of the Hon'ble JMFC, Barbil, Keonjhar

2	OR No.67 BL of 2012-13, PR No. 15 of 2012-13	-do-	1. Illegal dumping of sub-grade iron ore in safety zone area within ML pillar No. 95 to 97 of dimension 593 mtr X 7.5 mtr in forest kissam land in village Barapada. 2. Breaking of Safety zone from ML pillar No.106 to 110 over dimension 571 mtr x 36 mtr. x 15 mtr.	Case is sub-judice in the Court of the Hon'ble JMFC, Barbil, Keonjhar
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**Observation (2)(iv):-** FAC took a serious note of the observation of the State Government that the user agency has violated the provisions of FC Act and changed the land use of the forest land diverted without prior approval of competent authority. It is observed by the FAC that the user agency had violated the conditions stipulated in the approval by MoEF & CC vide letter No.8-17/2001-FC dated 22.04.2004, for diversion of forest land within the same mining lease. User agency had been found to deviate from the approved land use plan. This speaks about the credibility of the user agency in observing the conditions imposed by this Ministry while granting permission for diversion of the forest land under FC Act, 1980. The MoEF&CC may request the Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar to initiate proceedings in accordance with the provision of Section 3A & 3B of the FC Act, 1980 and file complaint in the court having jurisdiction in the matter against officials' prime facie found guilty for changing the land use of the diverted forest land without prior approval of competent authority.

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that necessary action has been initiated for violation of FC Act, 1980 & change of the land use pattern of the diverted forest land without prior approval of the competent authority. The detail action taken report is furnished below:-

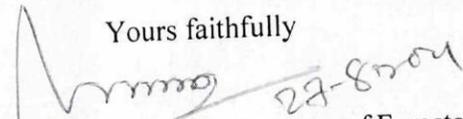
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Further, a copy of Letter No.JSW/S/O/2021/121 dated 10.05.2021 of new lessee i.e M/s JSW Steel Ltd. is enclosed as **Annexure-IV** wherein the lessee has requested to accord necessary Stage-I / In-principle approval over 63.30 ha of Sabik Kissam Forest land as the said forest diversion proposal has already been processed by the previous lessee and is under consideration of MoEF & CC, GoI. The present lessee has also stated that, for the above diversion proposal, CA land has been identified, NPV has been paid & the FRA compliance has been completed.

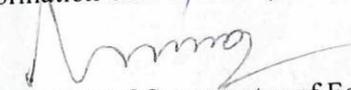
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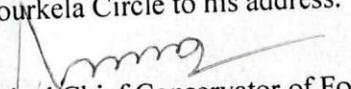
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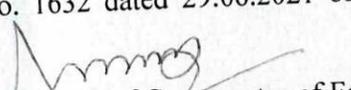
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Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. **14816** /Dt. **31.08.2021**  
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