

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

No. 16559 /9F (MG) - 1/2018 Dated, Bhubaneswar the 209 July, 2018

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Proposal for diversion of 120.838 ha. of forest land U/s-2 (ii) and for approval of 126.401 ha. of forest land U/s-2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act'1980, in village Sagasahi, Kalmang, Ghoraburhani and Mendhamaruni PRF-I in Koira Tehsil and Koira Range under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha within the lease area 139.165 ha for Ghoraburhani-Sagasahi Iron Ore Block by M/s Essar Steel India Ltd.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to F&E Department Memo No. 8896/ F&E dated 18.04.2018 of the Special Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department on the mentioned subject, the following point-wise compliances as received from the RCCF, Rourkela Circle on the issues raised by the State Government are furnished below:-

Compliance of FRA Guidelines for 126.401 ha of the allotted block area has not been 1. furnished. An undertaking to furnish the same before Stage-I F.C. in not acceptable. The copy of undertaking said to be kept at P.195-B is also not available in the DP.

In compliance to the above, the Collector, Sundargarh has issued the requisite certificate under Forest Rights Act' 2006 over 126.401 ha of forest land vide his letter No.1523 dated 23.06.2018 in respect of village Kalmang, Segasahi & Ghoraburhani for Iron Ore Mines of M/s Essar Steel India Ltd. Copy of the said FRA Certificate alongwith proceedings of DLC meeting & SDLC meeting & Gram Sabha resolutions both in Odia and English language are enclosed in the DP (Page No. 193A,B,C to 193(56)/DP).

DGPS/GPS map of identified CA land is not furnished. 2.

In compliance to the above, the DGPS Maps in four sheets of Non-Forest Govt. land identified in village Podadihi of Bansapal Tehsil under Keonjhar Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation duly authenticated by the DFO, Keonjhar Division are enclosed in the DP (Page No.290 and Plate No.XII to XII-C)

3. Map of Mendhamaruni PRF-I area proposed for diversion in A3/A4 size showing the boundary pillars duly authenticated by DFO, Bonai has not been furnished.

In compliance to the above, the map of Mendhamaruni PRF-I area in A3 size showing the boundary pillars proposed for diversion duly authenticated by the DFO, Bonai division is enclosed in the DP (Page 291 and Plate XIII / DP).

4. Memorandum of Association, Article of Association and Incorporation of Company Certificate are not furnished.

In compliance to the above, the Memorandum of Association, Article of Association and Incorporation of Company Certificate submitted by the User Agency vide his letter No.63 dated 28.06.2018 through the DFO, Bonai Division are enclosed in the DP (Page 292 A to 381 / DP).

5. Project details of Beneficiation plant at Dabuna, Pellet Plant at Paradip and Slurry pipeline laid need to be furnished.

In compliance to the above, the project details of beneficiation plant at Dabuna, Pellet Plant at Paradip and Slurry pipeline laid, submitted by the User Agency vide his letter No.63 dated 28.06.2018 through the DFO, Bonai Division is enclosed in the DP (Page 382 to 548 / DP).

6. Soft copy of DGPS Map of forest land proposed for diversion in CD form has not been furnished.

In compliance to the above, the soft copy of DGPS map of forest land proposed for diversion in CD form is enclosed in the DP.

7. Map showing the distance of Ghoraburhani-Segasahi Iron Ore Block of M/s Essar Steel Ltd. from the National Park/Sanctuaries & Elephant Corridor/Tiger reserve (Plate-XI) mentioned at Para-5 of the forwarding Letter of diversion proposal of the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar is not provided in the DP.

In compliance to the above, the map showing the distance of Ghoraburhani-Segasahi iron Ore Block of M/s Essar Steel Ltd. from the National Park/ Sanctuaries & Elephant Corridor / Tiger reserve submitted by the DFO, Bonai Division is enclosed in the DP. (Plate XI of DP).

In view of the above, the diversion proposal in three sets is resubmitted to Government in F&E Department for consideration & onward transmission to Govt. of India, MoEF & CC for according necessary approval for diversion of 120.838 ha. of forest land u/s-2 (ii) and for approval of entire 126.401 ha of forest land u/s-2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 for Ghoraburhani-Sagasahi Iron ore Block by M/s Essar Steel India Ltd.

Encl: Diversion Proposal

(in three sets)

Yours faithfully,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Odisha Memo No. 16560 /Dt. 02.08.18

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 2255 dated 16.07.2018.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (FC)

Memo No. 16561 /Dated. 02-08-18

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to memo no. 2256 dated 16.07.2018 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (FC)

Memo No. 16562 /Dated. 09-08-18

Copy forwarded to the Authorised Signatory, Essar Steel India Ltd., At-Udayabatta, Paradip, Dist-Jagatsinghpur-754142 for information and necessary action with reference to F&E Department memo no. 8898/F&E dated 18.04.2018 to his address.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (FC)

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