

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

No. 256 45 /9F (MG) - 85/2018 Dated, Bhubaneswar the 25 December, 2018

To

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 80.826 ha of Forest Land (16.566 ha of forest land and 64.260 ha of non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980) including 3.916 ha of forest land in safety zone and 1.129 ha of forest land in green belt in addition to 52.348 ha of forest land already diverted (total forest land of 133.174 ha in ML) within the total mining lease over 169.00 ha within Tiringpahar Iron & Manganese Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha during extended ML period as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015 (Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/20092/2016)

Ref-: Memo no. 25373/F&E dated 24.11.2018 of Special Secretary to Government, F&E Department.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to F&E Department letter cited above on the captioned subject, the following point-wise compliances as received from the RCCF, Rourkela Circle are furnished below:-

<u>Condition No.1:-</u> CA land in Asanbahali village of Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal district shown in SOI Topo Map (Plate-XI) has not been signed by the DFO, Dhenkanal.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has furnished the signed copy of CA land in Asanbahali village of Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal district shown in SOI Topo Map duly authenticated by the DFO, Dhenkanal Division which is enclosed as Annexure-1.

Condition No.2:- Soft copy of DGPS map of forest area proposed for diversion, CA land identified are not appended to the DP.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has furnished the soft copy of DGPS map of forest area proposed for diversion and CA land in CD format submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-2**.

<u>Condition No.3:-It</u> is not mentioned whether EC/CTO for producing Iron Ore has been obtained by the lessee for this mining lease.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that as the user agency is not producing Iron Ore, the EC/CTO for producing Iron Ore is not required. However, the DFO, Keonjhar division has reported that incidental Iron Ore will have to be extracted to produce manganese ore as envisaged in the Mining Plan.

<u>Condition No.4:-</u> Present status of compliance of order dt.02.08.2017 in W.P. (C) No.114/2014 by lessee and status of mining in the ML over the un-diverted / broken up sabik forest land has not been indicated.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Order dt.02.08.2017 in W.P. (C) No.114/2014 has been complied with and the user agency has paid ₹ 35,49,28,268.00 as per demand Letter No.4146 dated 02.09.2017 of Deputy Director Mines, Joda Circle. The demand letter of the DDM, Joda Circle and letter of the user agency towards payment of the aforesaid amount received from the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed as Annexure-3 series.

The DFO, Keonjhar Division has further reported that the mining over the broken up sabik forest land is continuing by virtue of order dated 22.08.2016 of the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa in WP(C) No.14118 of 2016. The copy of the order dated 22.08.2016 is enclosed as **Annexure-4**.

In view of the above, the point wise compliance in 3 sets is sent herewith for consideration and onward transmission to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Annexure 1 to 4(in 3 sets)

Yours faithfully,

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

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Memo No. 25646 /Dt. 22.12.18

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela circle for information and necessary action with reference to his memo no. 3682 dated 10.12.2018.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 25647 Dt. 22.12.1

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to memo no. 3683 dated 10.12.2018 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 35648 /Dt. 22.12.18

Copy forwarded to the Head, Ferro Alloys Production, M/s Tata Steel Ltd., At/Po-Bamnipal, Dist-Keonjhar,Pin-758082, Odisha for information and necessary action with reference to F&E Department memo no. 25377/F&E dated 24.11.2018.

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