



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

To Memo No. **506** /3F(Misc)186/2025

Date: **3.2.2025**

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. for non-forestry use of 303.066 ha of forest land including 66.126 ha of non-forestland recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980 involved in the mining lease area over 464.00 ha within Bamebari Iron & Manganese Mines in Keonjhar District, Odisha(Online Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/20095/2016) -reg.

X-Sub: Submission of compliance report of the observations.

Ref: 1. F. No. 5-8-35/2022-FC dt.06.11.2023 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India.
2. Memo No. 24657/FE&CC dated 28.11.2023 of FE & CC Department
3. Memo No. 850 Dtd. 24.01.2025 of DFO, Keonjhar Division.

With reference to the aforecited Memos on the captioned subject, the DFO, Keonjhar Division vide Memo No.849 Dtd. 24.01.2025 addressed to the undersigned and copy thereof endorsed to you in the next Memo of even date has submitted the point wise compliance report with the observations of the MOEF&CC made vide . F. No. 5-8-35/2022-FC dt.06.11.2023 which may kindly be perused.

The point wise compliance submitted the DFO, Keonjhar Division are as follows:-

1. PDF attached in Part-I under Additional information column on PARIVESH portal at S. No. 49 to 58 are not accessible.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the User Agency has stated vide his letter No.BIMM/L&L/20/2025 dated 10.01.2025 that, all required documents have been uploaded in the additional information section of Parivesh portal. Further, the User Agency has stated that Sl. No.49 to 58 are not available in Parivesh portal and hence, no additional information could be provided there as sought.

2. Component wise KML file of the proposed mining is not given.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the Component-wise KML file of the proposed mining has been uploaded in Parivesh portal & the said KML file is enclosed herewith in **CD format**.

3. Exact KML file of the 240.0 ha CA area is not given. More over KML file of the CA area and Addl. CA area for balance seedling has not been uploaded online.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the Additional Compensatory Afforestation land over 240.00 ha KML file has been uploaded in Parivesh portal & the said KML file is enclosed herewith in **CD format**.

4. The given KML file of the safety zone has been checked on DSS and it has been observed that the software calculated area of the safety zone (including green belt) KML file and the area given in the proposal has a difference of 11.171 ha.

Complete KML file of the total forest land involved in the safety zone shall be uploaded on the portal.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the KML file of the safety zone including green belt has been uploaded in Parivesh portal & the same is enclosed herewith in **CD format**.

- 5. Details of the notifications of RF and revenue/relevant records of the recorded forest (Revenue Forest/DLC Forest/Sabik Forest) involved in the proposal are not legible.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, in the instant diversion proposal, the Reserved Forest land over 115.308 ha is involved in two RFs namely Thakurani RF & Sidhamtha RF. The notification of said two RFs, as available, are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I**.

- 6. Copy of the notification of the land submitted on 30.06.2004 for declaring the 145.329 ha non-forest land as PF/RF is not given.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the proposal for declaring of PF over 60.3 ha Non-Forest land in respect of village Rugudikasada under Banspal Tahasil over 19.640 ha & village Tiriba under Banspal Tahasil over 40.660 ha have been notified as PF. The copies of the said PF notifications submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-II**. Further, as reported by him, the balance 85.029 ha of forest land is broken-up prior to 25.10.1980. So against that forest land CA land is not required.

- 7. The DFO Keonjhar wrote to the District Magistrate to take legal action against Tata Steel Ltd for use of DLC and Khesra Forest land without approval under FC Act, 1980 involved in the mining lease on 17.11.2021. However, only a letter dated 14.02.2023 has been written to Tahsildar. The report on the violation of the FC Act, is not tenable. In this regard a detailed action taken report shall be submitted by the State against violation.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the Tahasildar, Barbil has intimated the Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar vide his letter No.4502 dated 22.10.2024 (**copy enclosed**) with copy him in the next memo of even date that due to use of forest land measuring of 27.495 Ac. (11.1268 ha) within mining lease of Bamebari Iron Ore Mines without prior approval from MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 13 nos Encroachment Case had been initiated under OPLE Act, 1972 and back rent and penalty of Rs. 89,92,530/- (Rupees eighty-nine lakh ninety-two thousand five hundred thirty) only was imposed and demand notice was sent to M/s Tata Steel Steel Ltd. with a direction to vacate the encroachment land within 30 days. In pursuance of the same, M/s Tata Steel Steel Ltd. has deposited the said amount vide M.R No.0394940 dated 22.10.2024 by Nazir, Tahasil Office, Barbil. The Money Receipt submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-III**.

This is for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle.

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Copy forwarded to the DFO, Keonjhar Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3319 Dtd.09.04.2023.

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