



STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF, ODISHA,  
ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR

No. 20842 / 9F (MG) - 22/2018  
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

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-110003



**Sub:** Prior seeking prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 345.189 ha forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within the total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha – Compliance to GoI observations regarding.

**Ref:-** GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi Letter F.No. 8-46/2018-FC dated 27.11.2021.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi Letter cited above on the captioned subject, the following point-wise compliances to the observations of Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi basing on the report of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle is furnished below:-

**Observation (i):-** KML/Shape file of the new non-forest land of 185.509 and degraded forest land of 104.30 ha identified for CA have not been submitted along with compliance report. The same needs to be submitted supported with their attributable information to enable the Ministry to undertake future monitoring of the area.

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has submitted the KML/Shape file of the new non-forest land over 185.509 ha allotted in villages Balangi, Kerapai and Dalimguda under Thuamul Rampur Tahasil of Kalahandi District and 104.30 ha of degraded forest land identified in Baitarani RF in Keonjhar Forest Division pertaining to Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd which is enclosed herewith in the form of a CD.

**Observation(ii)-:** Record of consultation and meeting of the Gram Sabha(s) in respect of 50.866 ha of forest land for which District Collector has issued certificate on 22.01.2017 based on SDLC proceedings dated 22.01.2017 has not been submitted along with the compliance. Similarly, proceedings of SDLC have also not been submitted in respect of 294.53 ha of forest land.

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has submitted the Record of consultation and meeting of the Gram Sabha(s) in respect of **50.866 ha** of forest land for which Collector, Keonjhar has issued the FRA Certificate vide Letter No. 263 dated 22.01.2017 based on SDLC proceedings dated **10.02.2017** which are enclosed as **Annexure-I series**. Similarly, proceedings of SDLC and DLC meeting in respect of **294.53 ha** of forest land submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-II Series**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations pointed out by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide Letter No. 8-46/2018-FC dated 27.11.2021 is sent herewith for according final approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 345.189 ha forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within the total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

**Encl: Compliance (in one set)**

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
4/12/2021  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. **20843** /Dt. **04.12.2021**

Copy along with a copy of the compliance forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, Govt of India, Eastern Regional Office A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi Letter issued vide F.No. 8-46/2018-FC dated 27.11.2021.

**Encl: Compliance (in one set)**

*[Signature]*  
4/12/2021  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion, Nodal Officer, F C Act.

Memo No. **20844** /Dt. **04.12.2021**

Copy along with a copy of the compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Govt. of Odisha, FE&CC Department Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi Letter issued vide F.No. 8-46/2019-FC dated 27.11.2021..

**Encl: Compliance (in one set)**

*[Signature]*  
4/12/2021  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F C Act

Memo No. 20845 Date. 04.12.2021

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information & necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3560 dated 02.12.2021.

*Ans*  
4/12/2021  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 20846 Date. 04.12.2021

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3561 dated 02.12.2021 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

*Ans*  
4/12/2021  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 20847 Date. 04.12.2021

Copy forwarded to the Managing Director, M/s OMC Ltd., OMC House, BBSR for information & necessary action.

*Ans*  
4/12/2021  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act



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