



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

Memo No. 166 /3F-960/2025

Date: 09.01.2026

To

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

Sub:-

Proposal for diversion of forest land over 22.551 ha within the allotted block of Rengalbeda North East Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Limited within the total mining lease area of 24.203 ha as per LoI given by Steel & Mines Department, Govt. of Odisha.  
(Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/142246/2021, Sl. No. OR-036/2021 dated 03.06.2021)

Ref: -

1. Memo No.32529 dated 03.11.2025 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC, Department, Govt. of Odisha.
2. Memo No.09 Dtd.01.01.2026 of the DFO, Keonjhar Division.

With reference to the aforementioned Memos on the captioned subject, the DFO, Keonjhar Division vide his Memo No.08 Dtd.01.01.2026 addressed to this office and copy thereof endorsed to you in the next Memo of even date has submitted the point-wise compliance with discrepancies observed by FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha and communicated vide their Memo No.32529 dated 03.11.2025 in respect of the aforementioned proposal which may kindly be perused.

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

**Discrepancies No. (1)**

***In the first & last paras of the forwarding letter, the purpose for which the forest diversion proposal has been submitted to this Department has not been mentioned.***

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the User Agency i.e. M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited has submitted the proposal for diversion of 22.551 ha forest land for mining and its ancillary activities. Hence, the purpose for which the above forest diversion proposal has been submitted is "**mining and its ancillary activities**" which may kindly be taken into consideration.

**Discrepancies No. (2)**

***The breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion has not been provided.***

As per the report of the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion furnished is furnished below:-

Sl. No.	Pattern of Utilization	Forest Area (ha)	Forest As on 25.10.1980 (ha)	Total forest Area in (ha)
1	Mining	13.167	4.933	18.1
2	Infrastructure	0	0.01	0.01
	<b>Sub-Total (A)</b>	<b>13.167</b>	<b>4.943</b>	<b>18.11</b>
3	Safety Zone (7.5 m strip along the ML boundary)	0.788	0.708	1.496
4	Safety Zone (50 m on either side of NH-215)	2.602	0.343	2.945
	<b>Sub-Total (B)</b>	<b>3.39</b>	<b>1.051</b>	<b>4.441</b>
	<b>Total (A+B)</b>	<b>16.557</b>	<b>5.994</b>	<b>22.551</b>

**Discrepancies No (3)**

**Upon perusal of the Parivesh portal, it is seen that the Part-II dtd.06.11.2021 & Site Inspection Report dtd.06.10.2021 of DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and Part-III dtd.17.11.2021 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle have been uploaded in the Parivesh portal but the Part-II dtd.19.07.2025 & SIR dtd.09.07.2025 of DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and Part-III dtd.07.08.2025 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle available in the Diversion proposal have not been uploaded in the Parivesh portal.**

The revised Part-II dated 19.07.2025 and Site Inspection Report dated 09.07.2025 of the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division have been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal for kind perusal and consideration. Further, a copy of the Part-III Dtd.07.08.2025 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle is enclosed herewith for facilitating uploading of the same at your level as no scope for doing the same at this level is available in the **Parivesh portal.**

**Discrepancies No. (4)**


**The DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division in Site Inspection Report dtd.06.10.2021 had reported that there is an encroachment by 10 nos. of house holders inside mining lease area. In this regards Collector, Keonjhar has been requested to take appropriate legal action against the encroachers vide his office letter No.7860 dt.06.11.2021. But in the SIR report dtd.09.07.2025 of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division there is no mention of encroachment. However, in the SIR report dtd.09.07.2025 under the Column 14 i.e. position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation, if any, the DFO has reported that during the site inspection, it is observed that, 16 to 17 nos. households are staying in Nuagaon village, coming within the lease area since last 30 years or more. Hence, Resettlement of the above households are essential. So, the user agency should prepare the Re-habilitation Plan for the above purpose and get it approved by the competent authority. But in the earlier SIR dtd.06.10.2021 of DFO, Keonjhar under Column '14 it was reported that the project does not involve displacement of any human habitation and therefore the re-settlement and rehabilitation plan is not warranted. Necessary clarification/ compliance on the above observation may please be submitted for further action at this end.**

The DFO, Keonjhar Division has reported that, as per the land schedule furnished by the Tahasildar, Barbil, there is no Record of Rights (RoR) pertaining to tenanted holdings existing within the Rengalbeda (NE) Iron Ore Mining Lease area.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, during the site inspection conducted by him on 09.07.2025, it was observed that 16-17 households had been residing in Nuagaon village falling within the lease area, for the last 30 years or more. As per the approved Mining Plan, at present, displacement of the said households is not required. However, the User Agency, i.e. M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., has agreed to abide by the provisions of the Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Plan, if required in future. An undertaking to this effect given by the User Agency is enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

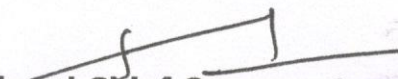
This is for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl :- As above.

  
**Regional Chief Conservator of Forests**  
**Rourkela Circle**

Memo No. 167 / Date: 09.07.2025

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.08 Dtd.01.01.2026.

  
**Regional Chief Conservator of Forests**  
**Rourkela Circle**



**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KEONJHAR DIVISION**

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**Memo No. 08 / 6F-Mining-29/2021**  
**Dated, Keonjhar the 1st January, 2026**

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 22.551 ha of Forest land of Rengalbeda (NE) Iron Ore Mines under Barbil Tahasil, Barbil Range of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar District within Mining Lease Block area of 24.203 ha by s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited under Section-2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.**

Ref: 1. Memo No.32529 dated 03.11.2025 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC, Department, Govt. of Odisha.  
2. Letter No.19377 dated 10.12.2025 of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited.

With reference to the memo cited above on the captioned subject, the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Government of Odisha has raised discrepancies under four (04) points in respect of the aforesaid forest diversion proposal. The point-wise compliance to the said discrepancies is furnished below for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

***Discrepancies No. (1)***

***In the first & last paras of the forwarding letter the purpose for which the forest diversion proposal has been submitted to this Department has not been mentioned.***

Compliance:-

The user agency i.e. M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited has submitted the proposal for diversion of 22.551 ha forest land for mining and its ancillary activities. Hence, the purpose of above proposal may be taken into consideration for mining and its ancillary activities.

***Discrepancies No. (2)***

***The breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion has not been provided.***

Compliance:-

The breakup of forest land proposed for diversion for mining and its ancillary activities is furnished below:

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Compliance:-

It is submitted that, as per the land schedule furnished by the Tahasildar, Barbil, there is no Record of Rights (RoR) pertaining to tenanted holdings exists within the Rengalbeda (NE) Iron Ore Mining Lease area.

During the site inspection conducted on 09.07.2025, it was observed that 16-17 households have been residing in Nuagaon village, which falls within the lease area, for the last 30 years or more. As per the approved Mining Plan, at present, displacement of the said households is not required. However, the User Agency, i.e. M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., has agreed to abide by the provisions of the Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Plan, if required in future. An undertaking to this effect is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.


This is for favour of information and necessary action.

**Encl: As above.**

  
**Divisional Forest Officer,**  
**Keonjhar Division.**

**Memo No. 09 /Dated 01.01.2026**

Copy forwarded to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

  
**Divisional Forest Officer,**  
**Keonjhar Division.**

**UNDERTAKING**

I, Sudhansu Sekhar Khora, IFS, Executive Director (F&E), at Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC) do hereby undertake to implement the R&R Plan as per the approved R&R framework and operative guidelines of the State Govt., in alignment with statutory obligations, if required, for furtherance of the forest diversion proposal over 22.551 ha for production of Iron Ore from Rengalbeda (NE) Iron Ore Mines of Odisha Mining Corporation Limited.

  
Executive Director (F&E)

**COUNTERSIGNED**

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Keonjhar Division

**Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd.**  
(A Gold Category State PSU)

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## **PART-III**

(To be filled by the concerned Conservator of Forests)

14. Whether site, where Forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed).

No.

15. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-B and recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Yes, I do agree.

16. Specific recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

On the basis of the site inspection conducted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Keonjhar and his recommendation thereon, the proposal for diversion of forest land over 22.551 ha within the allotted block of Rengalbeda North East Iron Ore Mines of Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd (**Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/142246/2021, Sl. No. OR-036/2021 dated 03.06.2021**) may be considered for approval under Section-2 (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhiniyam, 1980.

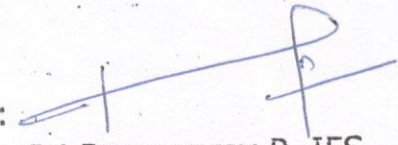
Date: 07.08.2025

Place: Rourkela

Signature :

Name :

Official Seal :

  
: Sri Ramasamy P, IFS  
: Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Rourkela Circle