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

Memo No. 3407 /3F(Misc)186/2022

Date: 28.09.2022

To

The 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 303.066 ha of Forest Land including 66.126 ha of non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980 involved in the mining lease area over 464.00 ha within Bamebari Iron & Manganese Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

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

Ref: 1) Your Memo No. 2165 Dtd.03.02.2022.  
2) Memo No.7270 Dtd.23.09.2022 of the DFO, Keonjhar Division.

With reference to the aforementioned Memos on the captioned subject, the DFO, Keonjhar Division vide his Memo No.7269 Dtd.23.09.2022 addressed to this office & copy thereof endorsed to you in the next Memo of even date has submitted the compliance with the deficiencies observed vide your Memo No. 2165 Dtd.03.02.2022 in respect of the aforementioned proposal which may kindly be perused.

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

- 1. DFO has reported in Part-II as well as Site Inspection Report that 20 nos. old human habitations exist over 4.74ha Sabik Forest Land proposed for diversion within the Joribar Block and one habitation over 1.165ha DLC land in Bamebari Block of Bamebari Mining Lease. The Fact is also corroborated in your Site Inspection Report. But you and DFO have reported against Item No. 14 of SIR that the project does not involve displacement of any human habitation for which R&R Plan is not insisted upon. There is no mention in purpose wise break-up of forest land regarding existence of human settlement over 5.905ha. of forest land. Whether mining and ancillary activities are compatible with existing habitation? The purpose wise break-up of forest land required to be revisited as per approved mining plan and ground reality.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the User Agency has intimated that mining & ancillary activities are compatible with existing habitation & both the components will have no interference either at present or in future. Also the User Agency has intimated that the area having existing habitation has been shown as township in both Review of Mining Plan duly approved by the IBM & present diversion proposal. Further, the area over 4.74 ha out of 5.905 ha is within the Joribar Block of Bamebari Iron & Mn. Mines, wherein the User Agency has their own colony which was established prior to 1980 & the same are temporary in nature. The area over 1.65 ha out of 5.905 ha which is within Bamebari Block has been encroached, for which the Collector, Keonjhar has been requested to take legal action vide his office letter No. 6205 Dtd. 17.11.2021.



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Further, as reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the user agency has intimated that a scientific study has been conducted under the aegis of Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research, Dhanbad, which is the nodal agency of the Central Government for conducting all blast vibration related studies in India. From the said study, it can be concluded that Mining and ancillary activities are compatible with the existing habitation, hence the User Agency does not envisage displacement of any human habitation as such no R&R Plan is required. However, if any directives is received from the statutory bodies regarding conflict of mining activity with human habitation requiring displacement of people in future, the user agency has furnished an undertaking at **Sl. No.2 of Annexure-II** to abide by the prevailing R&R policy of the Government at that point of time. A copy of the Study report of Central Institute of Mining & Fuel Research, Dhanbad is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I**.

- 2. The Site-Specific CA and Additional CA scheme are not prepared as per the guidelines issued by this office Memo No. 18833 dated 08.11.2021 and Memo No. 20566 dated 01.12.2021.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the Site Specific Compensatory Afforestation & Addl. Compensatory Afforestation scheme have been prepared as per the guideline issued vide Memo No. 18833 dt. 08.11.2021 & Memo No. 20566 dt. 01.12.2021 of PCCF, HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar. The revised Compensatory Afforestation schemes over 49.00 ha of Non-Forest land identified in village Sudanga under Banspal Tahasil and 160.419 ha of Non-Forest land identified in village Tamanga & Addl. Compensatory Afforestation scheme over 240.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Masinabilla RF under Ghatgaon Range are enclosed herewith vide **Annexure-II, II(A) & II(B)**. Further, the revised CA Scheme over 66.126 ha submitted by DFO, Dhenkanal vide Memo No. 1840 dt. 14.03.2022 is also enclosed herewith as **Annexure- II(C)**.

Due to revision of Compensatory Afforestation & Addl. Compensatory Afforestation schemes, Site Inspection Report, Part- II, Check List- 22 & Cost benefit analysis have also been revised by the DFO, Keonjhar Division which are enclosed herewith as **Annexure- III series**.

- 3. The Tree Enumeration has not been done in non-forest land over 11.773ha.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the user agency has given an undertaking to complete the tree enumeration in the Non-Forest land over an area 11.773ha. prior to grant of Stage-II approval. The said undertaking is enclosed vide **Annexure-IV**.

- 4. Compliance to the following stipulated conditions of Stage-II approval granted over 145.329 ha vide F.No. 8-72/2004-FC dated 25.01.2007 of MoEF&CC, Government of India is wanting:**

- a. Condition No. (ii):- It is stipulated to raise Compensatory Afforestation over 60.30ha. of non-forest land. The UA has deposited cost towards Compensatory Afforestation. During 2015-16, Compensatory Afforestation over 19.64 ha has been raised, Compensatory Afforestation has not been raised over balance area of 40.66ha yet.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the balance Compensatory Afforestation over 40.66 ha is being carried out in village Tiriba under Banspal Tahasil during the year 2022-23.

- b. Condition No. (iii):- It is stipulated to declare the non-forest land identified for CA as RF/PF under the Odisha Forest Act, 1972. The DFO, Keonjhar Division had sent the draft notification proposal for PF to this



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office on 30.06.2006. The same was sent to Government from this office vide letter No. 24412 sated 16.09.2006 and 24409 dated 16.09.2006. The Government in F&E Department, Odisha made certain observations regarding PF Notification and communicated to this office vide letter No. 19024 dated 29.10.2015. The DFO, Keonjhar Division was requested to comply the observations vide this office memo No. 13094 dated 18.06.2018 and Memo No. 13098 dated 18.06.2018. The compliance thereof is not yet received from the DFO.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the compliance report of the above observations by your good office has been submitted vide his office Memo No. 7054 dated 15.09.2022 & Memo No. 7062 dated 16.09.2022 which are enclosed vide **Annexure-V & Annexure-VA** respectively.

**c. Condition No. (vii):- The plantation over 1.5 Safety Zone i.e. 5ha has not been done.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the degraded forest land over 5.00 ha was identified in Maidankel RF for one and half times of safety zone afforestation but plantation has not been done due to non-receipt of funds from PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Plantation work will be carried out after receipt of necessary funds.

**d. Condition No. (xi):- Nothing reported regarding implementation of components of SSWLCP approved by the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha on 01.09.2015.**

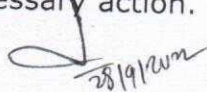
As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, after receipt of funds from the PCCF, Odisha the implementation of components of the SSWLCP approved by the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha will be implemented in the field.

**5. The documents and maps in the diversion proposal are not serially numbered and signed by the authorized signatory.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the user agency has submitted the diversion proposal after serially numbering and signing the documents and Maps.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

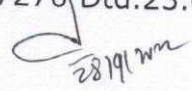
Encl: As above.

  
Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Rourkela Circle

Memo No. **3402**

Date: **28.09.2022**

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 7270 Dtd.23.09.2022.

  
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