



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

To Memo No. 2947 /3F(Misc)186/2023 Date: 11-9-2023

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 diversion of non-forestry use 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.

Ref: 1. Your Memo No. 14041 Dtd.13.07.2023
2. Memo No. 10097 Dtd. 07.09.2023 of DFO, Keonjhar Division.

With reference to the aforecited Memos on the captioned subject, the DFO, Keonjhar Division vide Memo No.10096 Dtd. 07.09.2023 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 made vide your Memo No.14041 Dtd.13.07.2023 which may kindly be perused.

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

1. The village wise abstract of Sabik & DLC land is to be furnished as per observation No.(iii) of GoI letter dated 27.12.2022.

The DFO, Keonjhar Division has submitted the village wise abstract of Sabik & DLC land certified by the Tahasildar, Barbil furnished by the User Agency and duly countersigned by him which are enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

(2) The Toposheet Map showing Elephant & Human death in the impact area of the mining lease furnished by you has not been authenticated as per observation No.(v) of GoI letter dated 27.12.2022.

The DFO, Keonjhar Division has submitted the Toposheet Maps showing Elephant & Human death in the impact area of the Mining Lease duly authenticated by him which are enclosed as **Annexure-II series.**

(3) The updated status of legal actions by the District Collector, Keonjhar is to be furnished as per observation No.(ix) of GoI letter dated 27.12.2022 which should be complied.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the Collector, Keonjhar was requested vide his Office Letter No.8205 dated 17.11.2021 to take legal action against M/s Tata Steel Ltd. for use of DLC & Khesera Forest Land without approval under FC Act, 1980 involved in the Mining Lease area over 464.00 ha. The Collector has also been reminded vide his Letter No.9507 dated 28.08.2023 to expedite of the above matter.

(4) As per observation No.(xiv) of GoI letter dated 27.12.2022, the KML file of the area earmarked for safety zone furnished by you in CD form is not clear. Further, the safety zone pointed out is fragmented thereby resulting in difficulty to compute the area and location.

It has mentioned by the DFO, Keonjhar Division that,

- (i) The total Safety Zone area is 27.946 ha.
- (ii) Safety Zone kept in the approved diversion proposal over an area of 145.329 ha is 3.097 ha.
- (iii) Area of Safety Zone proposed in the instant proposal is 24.849 ha.
- (iv) Area (ii) + (iii) = 27.946 ha.
- (v) Area proposed in the instant proposal to be kept as Green Belt is 1.667 ha.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, from the above, it is seen that the User Agency has proposed to keep 1.667 ha as Green Belt in addition to the Safety Zone. Further, the C.D submitted by the User Agency showing the details of Safety Zone area and proposed Green Belt area is enclosed herewith for kind reference.

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

Encl: As above.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
15 Rourkela Circle.

Memo No. 2948 / Date: 11.9.2023

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Keonjhar Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.10096 Dtd.07.09.2023.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
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