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To

The OSD-cum-Special Secretary  
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department  
Government of Odisha, Kharavel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

Sub: - Proposal for Diversion of 22.551 ha of Forest Land of Rengalbeda (NE) Iron Ore mine under Barbil Tahasil, Barbil Range of Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar District within Mining Lease Block area of 24.203 ha by M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited under Section-2(1)(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/142246/2021, SI No.OR-036/2021 dated.03.06.2021

Ref: - Your office Memo No.21377 dt.22.10.2025

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the Memo under reference on captioned subject, the RCCF, Rourkela DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division have submitted the compliance to the Observations which is as follows.

**Observations 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:** - RCCF, Rourkela has reported that 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.

**Observations No. (2) :-** The breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion has not been provided.

**Compliance:** - It is reported by the RCCF, Rourkela that the breakup of forest land proposed for diversion for mining and its ancillary activities has been furnished by the DFO, Keonjhar Division which is furnished below:

During the site inspection conducted on 09.07.2025 by DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, 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**.

In view of the above compliance, the proposal for according in principle approval over proposed revenue forest land 16.557 ha and sabik forest land 5.994 ha, cumulatively 22.551 ha forest land coming within the jurisdiction Divisional forest officer, Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar District of Rengalbeda (NE) Iron Ore mines may be considered by Government. Further, it is requested to transmit the above proposal to MoEF&CC, GoI for according approval under Section -2(1)(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Odisha Mining Corporation Limited.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

*Cy 31/1/26*  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. **2570** Date. **04.02.2026**

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information & necessary action with reference to his office Memo No. 166 dated 09.01.2026.

*Na 31/1/26*  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. **2571** Date. **04.02.2026**

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No. 167 dated 09.01.2026 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

*Na 31/1/26*  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)