





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

> Memo No. 3682/3F(Dis-K)194/2018 Date: 10.12.2019

To

The Additional 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 balance forest of 80.826 ha (16.566 ha of forest land and 64.260 ha of non-forest land recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980) including 3.916 ha of forest land in safety zone and 1.129 ha of forest land in green belt in addition to 52.348 ha of forest land already diverted (total forest land of 133.174 ha in ML) within the total mining lease area over 169.00 ha of Tiringpahar Iron & Manganese Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha during extended ML period as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015

(Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/20092/2016).

Ref:

- 1. Memo No. 25375/F&E dated 24.11.2018 of Special Secretary to Govt. F&E Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 2. Your Memo No. 24058 dated 01.12.2018
- 3. Memo No.8462 dated 06.12.2018 of the DFO, Keonjhar Division

With reference to the aforecited Memos on the captioned subject, the DFO, Keonjhar Division vide his Meme No. 8461 dated 06.12.2018 with copy to you in the next Memo of even date has submitted the point wise compliance with the observations made by F&E Department, Govt. of Odisha vide their aforecited Memo which may kindly be perused. The compliance based on the report of the DFO, Keonjhar Division is as follows:-

CA land in Asanbahali village of Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal district shown in SOI Topo Map (Plate-XI) has not been signed by the DFO, Dhenkanal.

The signed copy of CA land in Asanbahali village of Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal district shown in SOI Topo Map duly authenticated by the DFO, Dhenkanal Division submitted by the DFO, Keonihar Division is enclosed as Annexure- 1.

Soft copy of DGPS map of forest area proposed for diversion, CA land ii. identified are not appended to the DP.

The Soft copy of DGPS map of forest area proposed for diversion and CA land in CD format submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed as Annexure-2.

It is not mentioned whether EC/CTO for producing Iron Ore has been iii. obtained by the lessee for this mining lease.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the User Agency has intimated that the UA is not producing Iron Ore, so EC/ CTO for producing Iron Ore is not required. However, incidental Iron Ore will have to be extracted to produce manganese ore as envisaged in the Mining Plan as per the said report of the DFO, Keonjhar Division.

iv. Present status of compliance of order dt. 02.08.2017 in WP(C) No. 114/2014 by lessee and status of mining in the ML over the un-diverted/broken up Sabik forest land has not been indicated.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the User Agency has intimated that, the Order dt. 02.08.2017 in WP(C) No. 114/2014 has been complied with. Further, as reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the User Agency has paid Rs. 35,49,28,268.00 as per the demand made by the Deputy Director Mines, Joda Circle vide his letter No. 4146 dated 02.09.2017. The demand letter of the DDM, Joda Circle and the letter of the User Agency towards payment of the aforesaid amount received from the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed as **Annexure-3**.

The DFO, Keonjhar Division has reported that, mining over the broken up Sabik forest land is continuing by virtue of order dated 22.08.2016 of the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa in WP(C) No. 14118 of 2016. The copy of the order dated 22.08.2016 received from the DFO, Keonjhar Division is enclosed as **Annexure-4**.

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

Encl: As above.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 3683 /Date: 10.12.208
Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division for information and necessary action with reference to his 8461 Dtd.06.12.2018.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle