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Memo No. 504/15F.FC-50/2021 dated. 09-12-21

To

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

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 66.20 ha of forest land (including safety zone area of 1.899 ha under section 2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of Jindal Chromite mines of M/s- Jindal Stainless Limited in village Kaliapani and Forest Block No.27 of Mahagiri DPF in Sukinda Tahasil of Jajpur District under Cuttack Forest Division.

Ref:- (i) Letter No.8-68/2000-FC (pt) dated 11.10.2021 of Gol, MoEF & CC(FC Division)  
(ii) Memo No.18566 dated 25.10.2021 of Special Secretary to Govt. of Odisha, F&E Department.  
(iii) Your Memo No.18281/9F(MG)377/2019 dated 29.10.2021.

Inviting references to the memos cited above on the subject, this is to intimate that the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division vide Memo No.8076 dated 23.11.2021 has submitted point-wise compliance on the observation made by Gol, MoEF & Climate Change (FC Division). The point-wise compliance is furnished below:

Sl. No	Observation	Compliance
1.	Online proposal contains CA scheme only in respect of 43.98 ha (30.86+13.12 ha) only, site specific scheme prepared for Badabahal and Gunthapada may be uploaded online, along with requisite supporting details.	The Addl. PCCF (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act) O/o. the PCCF, Odisha has proposed for CA land over 65.645 ha in his recommendation as per letter No.14423 dated 24.8.2021. The User Agency has now furnished a CA Scheme over 65.645 ha which has been approved by the APCCF (Nodal) and now uploaded in Paribesh portal. The soft copy of the scheme is attached in form of <b>CD</b> .
2.	State Government in its forwarding letter mentioned that a site specific wildlife conservation plan has also been approved by the PCCF(Wildlife) CWLW.	As reported by the DFO, Cuttack Division, the , the approved site specific wildlife conservation plan has been uploaded in part-I which is attached in form of CD. The hard copy of the plan is enclosed as <b>Annexure-I</b> .



	However, copy of the site specific wildlife Management plan has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.	
3.	Complete copy of mining plan may be uploaded online by the User Agency. Complete copy of the same needs to be uploaded online.	As reported by the DFO, Cuttack, the copy of mining plan has been uploaded online and the soft copy enclosed as <b>CD</b> .
4.	Detail pertaining to the proposal dated 16.05.2016 of the state for change in the name of user agency could not be traced in the Ministry. The State Government is, therefore, requested to submit a copy of the same and confirm the name of the user agency without change in the shareholding pattern.	In compliance to the observation, the copy of the recommendation of Govt. of Odisha for transfer of lease (Forest Clearance) as per para 2.8 of Forest (Conservation) Act guideline has been uploaded in paribesh portal by the user agency and reported by the DFO. A copy of the recommendation letter dated 16.5.2016 of Govt. of Odisha, F&E Department along with payment receipt of Rs.1,00,000/- is enclosed as <b>Annexure- II</b> .
5.	The State Government has considered the working over 61.16 ha of forest land without prior approval under FC Act, 1980 as a violation of the Act. Action, if any, taken by the state Government on the reported violation of the FC Act may be intimated to the Ministry.	In compliance to this observation, the DFO, Cuttack Division has reported that the working over 61.16 ha of forest land was continued as per the Government Hal records which was non-forest land. Later on, as per guidelines issued vide letter dated 10.03.2015 and 01.04.2015 of Gol, MoEF & CC, it was found that the land was forest land as per sabik records. Hence to comply the above guidelines, the user agency has applied forest diversion proposal over 66.20 ha (including safety zone area of 5.04 ha) which is at present at Gol, MoEF & CC. In this connection, the DFO, Cuttack Division has issued letter vide his Memo No.7693 dated 6.8.2016 to discontinue the mining operation. The user agency challenged the letter of DFO, Cuttack Division and Hon'ble High Court Orissa issued interim order to maintain status-quo for the operation of mines. Further, MoEF & CC, Gol, vide F No.11-85/2016-FC dated 30.11.2016 has extended the mining operation period up to 31.03.2017. The User Agency has



		deposited the cost of NPV for the total forest area of 89 ha. The User Agency has uploaded the letter of DFO, Cuttack for discontinue mining operation and order of Hon'ble High Court, Orissa in the Paribesh portal as additional documents. In this connection, the User Agency has submitted a copy of guideline that as per point No.3 E of the guideline dated 29.1.2018 of Govt. of India, MoEF & CC "In cases where forest land has been changed to non-forests land in Govt. records : If the violation is not attributable to the user agency, no penalty shall be imposed. The copies of the above are enclosed as <b>Annexure-III</b> .
6.	Relevant documents pertaining to FRA, 2006 i.e. certificate dated 3.05.2016 along with supporting documentary evidences and letter of user agency requesting the District Collector to submit the compliance of balance area of 1.899 ha have not been uploaded online. The same needs to upload online.	As reported by the DFO, Cuttack, the user agency has uploaded the FRA certificate dated 03.05.2016 with supporting documentary evidence in paribesh portal. Further the request letter to the Collector & DM, Jajpur for issue of FRA certificate for the balance area of 1.899 ha is also uploaded in the Paribesh portal. The copy of FRA certificate and request letter for issue of balance area of 1.899 ha enclosed as <b>Annexure-IV</b> .

In view of the above, the compliance submitted by the DFO, Cuttack Division vide Memo No.8076 dated 23.11.2021 along with the annexure and supporting documents as above is forwarded herewith in **three** sets for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Angul.

Memo No. 5105 /dated 09.12.21

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.8076 dated 23.11.2021.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Angul.

Memo No. 5106 /dated 09.12.21

Copy forwarded to the Authorised Signatory, M/s- Jindal Stainless Ltd. At/PO- Kaliapani, Dist- Jajpur 755047 for information and necessary action.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
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