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Dated, Bhubaneswar the 14th March' 2024

From

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O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (FC)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110003

Sub:- **Diversion of balance forest land of 746.3325 ha including 11.8305 ha. (excluding 95.60 ha. of pre 1980 broken up forest land already diverted and 4.467 ha. of forest land being proposed for diversion in separate proposal for mining infrastructure of Daitari (ML) within total forest land of 846.3995 ha. located within approved Mining lease area of 1018.3085 ha. for Iron Ore Mining in Daitari Mining Lease in Cuttack Forest Division of Jajpur District and Keonjhar Wildlife Division, Anandapur of Keonjhar district, Odisha of M/s OMC Ltd.**

Ref:- Ministry's Letter No. 8-28/2015-FC dt. 10. 05. 2023.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the Letter No. cited above on the captioned subject the following compliance is submitted for your information and necessary action.

Observation (i):- The State Government shall submit a detailed report on the present status of Jhum/Shifting cultivation and the time period during which the Jhum/shifting cultivation has taken place within the mining lease area.

Compliance:- DFO, Keonjhar (WL), Anandapur vide his L. No. 3548 dt. 24.08.2023 addressed to the user agency and vide L. No.3296 dt. 10.08.2023 addressed to the Range Officer, Brahmanipal Range had requested to furnish a detailed report on the present status of Jhum/ Shifting cultivation and the time period during which the Jhum/ Shifting cultivation has taken place within the mining lease area as per Ministry's Letter dated 10.05.2023, the copy of which are enclosed as **Annexure-1 & Annexure-2** respectively to this compliance as there was no records available in Division office about the time period during which the Jhum/ Shifting cultivation had taken place within the mining lease area.

In reply to the aforesaid letter, the General Manager (Geology) of M/s OMC Ltd. has reported vide his letter No. 13808/ OMC/ F&E/ 2023 dated 25.08.2023, the Copy of which is enclosed as **Annexure-3** that, the above land parcel is very close to Talapada village and the tribal people depend on

the said land for cultivation for their livelihood. Further, he has reported that the satellite images as per the advice of National Remote Sensing Centre have been downloaded by the OMC Ltd. from the web server for the period from 1973 to 1991 which are enclosed to this compliance as **Annexure-3/A**. The satellite images pertaining to different years have been super imposed over the Kml file of 28.67 ha. and following tabulated observations have been inferred.

Sl. No.	Images downloaded for the year	Analysis of imagery data
1.	1973	Partly cleaned area for Jhum/shifting cultivation is observed.
2.	1975	Cleaned area for Jhum/shifting cultivation is observed.
3.	1976	Cleaned area for Jhum/shifting cultivation is observed.
4.	1980	Partly cleaned area for Jhum/shifting cultivation is observed.
5.	1986	Re-growth of vegetation is observed.
6.	1988	Re-growth of vegetation is observed.
7.	1989	Partly cleaned area for Jhum/shifting cultivation is observed.
8.	1991	Cleaned area for Jhum/shifting cultivation is observed.

In addition to above, the Range Officer, Brhmanipal Wildlife Range, Daitari has reported vide his Memo No. 1113 dated 07.09.2023 that, no plantation has been taken up by the Department in the area of Jhum /Shifting cultivation, the copy of which is enclosed as **Annexure-4**. Further, the Range officer has tried his best to collect information from the aged persons of the village regarding commencement of the jhum/Shifting cultivation on the discussed site within the mining lease area. During his discussion with the villagers of Talapada village he came to know that the Jhum/Shifting cultivation had been done in two patches during 1970 to 1980 over an area of 28.67 ha. (Patch no.1- 25.69 ha + Patch no.2- 2.98 ha). The exact year of cultivation could not be determined. After that, the Jhum/Shifting cultivation has not been taken up in the area. The Range officer has furnished the GPS Co-ordinates of the patches as well as the still photographs of the present existing vegetation also. The copies of recorded evidences from the villages, GPS co-ordinates and the still photographs are enclosed as **Annexure-4** to this compliance.

DFO, Keonjhar (WL) had also requested to the Chief Executive, ORSAC vide his office Letter No. 4501 dt. 19.10.2023 enclosing the Kml files over an area of 28.67 ha. to supply the high-resolution images pertaining to period 1970 to 1980 to ascertain the actual time period during which the Jhum/ Shifting cultivation had occurred in the mining lease area, the copy of which is enclosed as **Annexure-5**. Dr. S.D. Sahu, Scientist, I/c of Map Sales of ORSAC, Bhubaneswar has intimated vide his Letter No. 4866 dt. 04.11.2023 that, the HRSI images for the Daitari Mines area for the year 1970 to 1985 is not available with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), ISRO, Dept. of Space, Govt. of India, Hyderabad as reported by the NRSC, Data Centre, Hyderabad through mail on dated 09.08.2023 with a copy to OMC Ltd, the copy of which is enclosed as **Annexure-6**.

The DFO, Keonjhar (WL) Division has also visited the site on 09.11.2023 and has observed that the site where Jhum/Shifting cultivation had been done earlier is now infested with invasive weeds like *Lantana camara* and *Azeratum conyzoides* etc. During discussion with the villagers of Talapada village on the said date, it was learnt by him that, the Jhum/Shifting cultivation has commenced from the year 1970 (Approximately). The recorded statements are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-7**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations dated 10.05.2023 of the GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division); New Delhi is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Encl: Compliance in one set

 13/03/24
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 6069 /Dt. 14-03-2024

Copy along with one set of compliance forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. Letter No. 8-28/2015-FC dt. 10. 05. 2023 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Encl: Compliance in one set

 13/03/24
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 6070 /Dt. 14-03-2024

Copy along with one set of compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to with reference to Letter No. Letter No. 8-28/2015-FC dt. 10. 05. 2023 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi and Memo No. 15254/FE&CC dated 20.07.2023 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Encl: Compliance in one set

 13/03/24
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

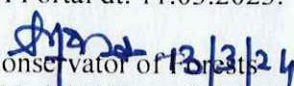
Memo No. 6071 /Dt. 14-03-2024

Copy forwarded to the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Prakruti Bhawan, Plot No. 1459, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007 for favour of kind information and necessary action.

 13/03/24
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 6072 /Dt. 14-03-2024

Copy forwarded to the Project Director-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his online Compliance through PARIVESH Portal dt. 11.03.2023.

 13/03/24
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 6073 /Dt. 14-03-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, DFO, Keonjhar (WL) Forest division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4789 dated 10.11.2023.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 6074 /Dt. 14-03-2024

Copy forwarded to the Managing Director, OMC Ltd., Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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