

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

No. 17724 /9F(MG)- 368/2016
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 17th September, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary to Government.
Forest & Environment Department.
Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Diversion of 23.80 ha of forest land (as per Sabik records as on 25.10.1980) including 2.24 ha of forest land in safety zone area for Chromite Ore Mining from their Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines by M/s FACOR-reg.

Ref: Letter No. 5ORC-288/2016- BHU dated 12.08.2016.

(ii) Memo No. 15388 F&E dated 20.08.2016 of Special Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above cited correspondences on the mentioned subject the following conditions imposed therein on the deficiencies pointed out are furnished below:-

Observation (1) *The State Government has reported that the reclamation and biological reclamation of this mining project has not been provided by the user agency. The same may be furnished.*

In compliance to the above, the User Agency has submitted the reclamation and Biological Reclamation Plan of this project which have been enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I**.

Observation (2) *The FRA certificate along with Gram Sabha resolution has not been furnished.*

In compliance to the above, copy of the FRA Certificate bearing No. 1533 dated 28.07.2016 issued by the Collector, Jajpur along with copy of the Gram Sabha resolution and all relevant documents are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Observation (3) *The shape files of forest area and CA area has not been submitted.*

In compliance to the above, the soft copy of shape files of forest area and Compensatory Afforestation area is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Observation (4) *Since, the entire area is now broken, thereof, the State Government may inform the basis on which the forest area has been classified as Eco-Class-I with density of 0.4.*

In compliance to the above, the DFO, Cuttack has submitted that the entire ML area of 23.80 ha was non-forest land as per Hal Settlement record. Accordingly, lease deed was executed and mining operation was continuing. But as per Sabik Settlement record, the entire ML area was found

to be forest. Though the mining lease area has been broken up, the density of vegetation/ category of forest has been decided taking into consideration of the forest type and canopy density of adjacent mining lease areas Viz.- Sukinda Chromite Mines of M/s Tata Steel Ltd., Jindal Chromite Mines of M/s Jindal Stainless Ltd., Kaliapani Chromite Mines of Balasore Alloys Ltd., Mahagiri Chromite Mines of M/s IMFA Ltd. etc. The vegetation of the above mining leases in Sukinda Valley have been assessed to be of Eco class-I type with canopy density below 0.4. Accordingly, the vegetation in respect of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines of M/s FACOR Ltd. over an area of 23.80 ha has been considered to be of Eco class-I & density below 0.4 as per the vegetation of adjoining area.

Observation (5) Latest compliance of the Environmental Clearance conditions granted by the Ministry also be submitted.

In compliance to the above, the user agency has submitted latest compliance report for the period from October 2015 to March 2016 of conditions imposed in Environmental Clearance order by the Government of India, MoEF & CC which is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

In view of the above, point wise compliances of the observations of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Eastern Regional Office, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar are submitted for further necessary action at Government level.

Yours faithfully,

**Encl: Annexure-I to IV
in triplicate**

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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle for information and necessary action.

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Cuttack Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 8142 dated 29.08.2016.

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