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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF  
PLOT NO.GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR,  
BHUBANESWAR-751023

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Letter No.

19172

/9F (MG)-29/2025

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the

15<sup>th</sup>

September, 2025

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department  
Government of Odisha, Kharavel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

**Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 12.565 ha of forest land including safety zone of (1.020 ha) within the mining lease area of 18.00 ha in respect of Bhanjapali Iron Ore Mines under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District by Sri J. N. Patnaik. (Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/27247/2017, State Sl. No.OR-08/2018 dated 02.08.2019).**

Ref: Memo No.10969/FE&CC dt.14.05.2025 of the FE&CC Dept., Govt. of Odisha.

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of Odisha, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department has raised 2(two) nos. of observations vide memo dated 14.05.2025. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Bonai Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

**Observation (i)-: Action taken against the violation.**

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the DFO, Bonai Forest Division has informed that the User Agency had worked inside the PRF area over 0.5951 ha. without prior approval of the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC. Since the violation area came under PRF category, the DFO, Bonai Forest Division has instructed the Range Officer, Koira vide Memo No.6110 dt.06.06.2025 to take necessary legal action under relevant Acts and Rules immediately. In pursuance of the same, the Range Officer, Koira has registered a Forest Offence Case vide OR No.49k of 2025-26 against Sri Sudhakar Sahoo, Mines Manager of Bhanjapali Iron Ore Mines of Sri J. N. Patnaik for encroachment and mining activities inside PRF area over 0.5951 ha. and unauthorized removal of natural resources from forest land without prior approval from the competent authority.

The DFO, Bonai Forest Division has reported that an area of 0.078 ha. of DLC forest land had been broken within the safety zone area and 0.214 ha. of forest land had also been broken outside the mining lease area but contiguous to the said portion of the safety zone in DLC area which were violations under the Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Since the said violation are under the category of DLC Forest and DLC area being borne in the records of Revenue Department, the Collector, Sundargarh has been requested vide

Letter No.6108 dt.06.06.2025 (**Annexure-1**) to take necessary legal action under relevant Revenue Laws. In regard to action taken against the erring staff for the violation that occurred in the said PRF, the DFO, Bonai Forest Division intimated that the Range Officer, Koirala was directed vide Memo No.8033 Dtd.07.08.2025 to submit necessary compliance. Based on the report submitted by the Range Officer, Koirala, the DFO, Bonai Forest Division has reported that during joint verification on 26.07.2021 within the DLC area of (12.565 ha), PRF part area of 0.595 ha and DLC area of 11.97 ha. were identified in split manner. But the above said total area of 12.565 ha. was identified to be DLC as per Joint Verification dated 24.02.2007.

Further, as reported by the DFO, Bonai Forest Division, no legal action on the violation of PRF area was taken by the then Range Officer, during his tenure. This may be due to an oversight in Implementing the legal provisions related to the issue. Besides, the DFO, Bonai Forest Division has reported that the Forest staff of Range Officer, Koirala have been visiting the PRF area frequently and no further violation has been observed and the demarcations are intact. When the matter on PRF issue came to knowledge, legal action was initiated by Range Officer, Koirala by registering a case vide O.R. No. No.49k of 2025-26 dated 14.07.2025 and further investigation is on for taking needful action.

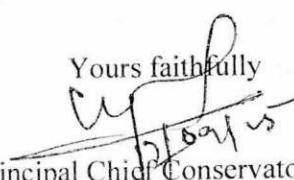
**Observation (ii)-: Period of the violation.**

**Compliance-:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Range Officer, Koirala was directed vide DFOs Memo No.6228 dt.11.6.2025 & No.7311 dt.11.7.2025 to submit period of violation of above violated area. Accordingly, the Range Officer, Koirala Range has intimated vide Memo No.699 dt.16.7.2025 (**Annexure-2**) that violation that occurred in Kathmal PRF over an area of 0.5951 ha. was identified during the year 2021 on 26.07.2021 i.e. the date on which the joint verification was conducted with the Revenue Department.

Further, as per the report of the Range Officer, Koirala Range, the DFO, Bonai Forest Division has reported that the violation area of 0.078 ha. of DLC forest land was broken within the safety zone area and 0.214 ha. DLC forest land was broken outside the mining lease area and contiguous to the said safety zone, being very old, the actual period during which they were broken in the field could not be ascertained. However, on verification of the said areas in the Google timeline series, it is found that the above areas of 0.078 ha. and 0.214 ha. have been broken in the year 2010 and the broken pits exist as on date.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above

Yours faithfully  
  
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 19173 /Dt. 15.09.2025

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.4679 dated 09.09.2025.

*12/9/2025*

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 19174 /Dt. 15.09.2025

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4681 dated 09.09.2025 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

*12/9/2025*

Memo No. 19175 /Dt. 15.09.2025

Copy forwarded to Sri J.N. Patnaik, Mine Owner, Bonaikela, Joda, Dist-Keonjhar-758038 for information.

*12/9/2025*

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)



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 OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER : BONAI FOREST DIVISION  
 At/PO-Bonalgarh, Dist. Sundargarh- 770038  
 Email- dfo.bonai@odisha.gov.in

No. 6108 /6F(Mg.)-

Dated:- 06.06.2025

To

The Collector,  
 Sundargarh.

Sub:- Unauthorised working in DLC forest land in Bhanjapali Iron Ore Mines of Sri J.N. Patnaik

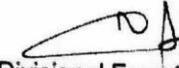
Sir,

With reference to above, I am to intimate you that an area of 0.078 ha. of DLC forest land has been broken within the Safety Zone area and 0.214 ha. of forest land has also been broken outside the Mining Lease area contiguous to said Safety Zone in DLC area by Sri J.N. Patnaik in his Bhanjapali Iron Ore Mines.

The above area comes under DLC forest category. The lessee has worked in this area without clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhiniyam'1980.

DLC Forest area being borne in the records of Revenue Department and Collector being the competent authority, request is being made for taking necessary legal action under relevant Revenue Laws.

Yours faithfully,

  
 Divisional Forest Officer,  
 Bonai Division.

Memo No. 6109 /6F-Dt:06.06.2025

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

  
 Divisional Forest Officer,  
 Bonai Division.



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**OFFICE OF THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER, KOIRA RANGE**  
**E-mail:- kolra.range@gmail.com**

Memo No. 899

Dated 16.7.2025

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer  
 Bonai Division, Bonai

OFFICE OF THE  
 DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER  
 BONAI DIVISION  
 Receipt No. 1813  
 Date 18.07.2025

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 12.565 ha. of forest land including Safety Zone (1.020ha.) within the mining lease area of 18.00 ha. in respect of Bhanjpali Iron Ore Mines under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District by Sri J.N. Pattnaik.

Ref:- Your Office Memo No.7311/6F(Mg) Dt. 11.07.2025

Sir,

With reference to your above memo, , I am submitting herewith the detailed report regarding the violation detected inside the Protected Reserved Forest (PRF) area measuring 0.595 hectares within the mining lease area of Sri J.N. Pattnaik under Koiria Section of Koiria Beat.

#### 1. Period of Violation:

The Kathmal PRF area over 0.5951 ha. found to have occurred violation the year 2021 i.e. 26.07.2021 identification during joint verification with Revenue and Mining department.

#### 2. Nature of Violation:

Encroachment and Mining activities inside PRF area over 0.5951 ha. Unauthorized removal of natural resources from forest land without prior approval from the competent authority.

#### 3. Seizure Details:

Place of Occurrence :-

Bhanjpali Iron Ore Mines of Sri J.N. Pattnaik.

Name / Address of accused person: - Sri Sudhakar Sahoo, Mines Manager

Bhanjpali Iron Ore Mines

Name of the Seizing Officer:-

Smt. Rinki Rani Sahu, Forest Guard  
 Koiria Beat

**4. FIR Details:**

The following FIR(s) have been registered against the violators as per relevant section under the Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Booked FIR No. 0067230/2740/908(B) Dt. 14.07.2025, offenders of Sri Sudhakar Sahoo, Mines Manager Bhanjpali Iron Ore Mines.

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

Yours Faithfully

Encl:- Seizure List  
FIR Copy

*14.07.2025*  
Range Officer  
Koira Forest Range  
Koira Forest Range

**Joint verification of the Forest & Non-Forest Areas in respect of the Lease hold Area over  
18.000 Ha. or 44.480 Acres in Village Bhanjpali of M/s J.N. Pattnaik**

1 Date of Joint Verification **Dt. 01.05.2023**

2 Date of Execution **01/04/1997 for 30 Years**

3 Date of Expiry **31.03.2027**

4 Area **44.48 Acres of 18.00 Ha.**

5 Mineral **Iron Ore**

6 The leasehold area  
consists of **M.L.**

a Forest land

I	PRF	0.595 Ha.	Or	1.470 Acre
II	K.F.	Nil		Nil
III	DLC	11.970 Ha.		29.58 Acre
Total		12.565 Ha.		31.05 Acre

b Non Forest land	5.435 Ha.	13.43 Acre
<b>Grand Total 18.000 Ha.</b>		<b>44.48 Acre</b>

7 Total Surface Right Area **13.366 Ha. or 33.03 Acres**  
granted vide Collector Letter No **308** Date **20.05.1997**

8 Broken up Land

a PRF  
b K.F.  
c DLC  
d Non-Forest  
Total

9 Date of Joint Verification of the broken up land **22.06.1998**  
| Plot No.3(p) & 57(p) | The total Area **31.05** Acre is broken up|

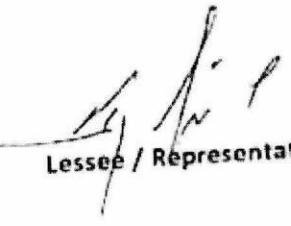
10 Date of Joint Verification and finding of PRF Area **26.07.2021**

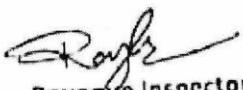
11 Remarks

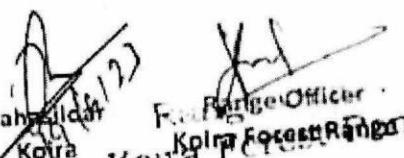
1 Encroachment of Forest Land **During Joint verification of the above said lease on Dt.01.05.2023 . It was found that the user agency has worked in side the PRF area 0.5951 ha. without prior approval . Which is a violation as F.C. Act. 1980.**

2 Mining beyond the permitted area  
partial dump have been made on plot no. 01, 53, 55, 66 & 08(8)  
by the lease which are coming outside the lease area.

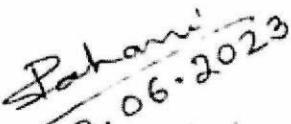
3 Any other Violation

  
Lessee / Representative

  
Revenue Inspector  
Kolra Tahasil

  
Range Officer  
Kolra Forest Range

  
Mr. Mining Officer  
Office of the DDM, Kolra

  
08.06.2023  
Jr. Mining Officer  
010 Deputy Director, Mining  
Kolra Circle, Kolra  
Dist - Sundargarh

Joint Verification Of The Forest & Non-forest Areas in Respect Of The  
Lease Hold Area Over 18.000 Hectares or 44.480 Acres in Village  
Bhanjapali Of M/S J.N. Patnaik

1. Date of Joint verification : 24/02/07
2. Date of execution : 01/04/97 for 30 years
3. Date of expiry : 31/03/2027
4. Date of R.M.L. Application : N.A.
5. Area : 44.48 Acres or 18.000 Hectares
6. Mineral : Iron Ore
7. The leasehold area consists of M.L. (as per R.M.L. Application)
  - a) Forest Land
    - I) P.R.F. NIL Hectares or NIL Acres
    - II) K.F. NIL Hectares or NIL Acres
    - III) D.L.C. 12.565 Hectares or 31.05 AcresTotal 12.565 Hectares or 31.05 Acres
  - b) Non-forest Land 5.435 Hectares or 13.43 AcresGrand Total 18.000 Hectares or 44.48 Acres
8. Total Surface right Area 13.366 Hectares or 33.03 Acres granted vide  
Collector letter No.308, Date 20/05/97.
9. Broken up Land :
  - a) P.R.F. NIL Hectares or NIL Acres
  - b) K.F. NIL Hectares or NIL Acres
  - c) D.L.C. 12.565 Hectares or 31.05 Acres (Plot no 1 & 54)
  - d) Non-forest 0.801 Hectares or 1.98 AcresTotal 13.366 Hectares or 33.03 Acres

10. Date of joint verification of the broken up land : 22/06/98

11. D.R.P. applied over NIL Hectares or NIL Acres

12. Date of submission of D.R.P. : NIL

13. D.R.P. approved over NIL out of NIL total forest area over NIL

14. D.R.P. approved vide letter No. NIL

15. Whether pucca pillars erected around :

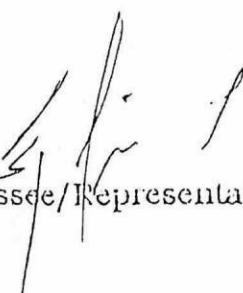
a) Lease Boundary : YES

b) S/R Boundary : YES

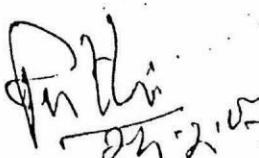
c) Forest Land, Non-Forest Land : NO

16. Remarks

*The mining was in progress at the time of joint verification of D.L.C.  
Plot no. 1 & 5 at the time of verification on 24.02.07.*

  
Lessee/Representative

  
Forester/Range Officer  
Koira/Balaghat OFFICE/O Deputy Director of Mines  
Koira Range

  
Sr. Surveyor  
Koira



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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER : BONAI FOREST DIVISION

At/PO-Bonaigarh, Dist. Sundargarh- 770038

Email- dfo.bonai@odisha.gov.in

Memo No. ୬୨୨୮ /6F(Mg.)-

Dated:- ୧୧.୦୬.୨୦୨୫

To

The Range Officer,  
Koira Range.

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 12.565 ha. of forest land including Safety Zone (1.020 ha.) within the mining lease area of 18.00 ha. in respect of Bhanjapali Iron Ore Mines under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District by Sri J.N. Patnaik.

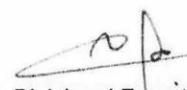
Ref:- 1. Memo No.10972/FE&CC dt.14.05.2025 of the FE&CC Deptt. Govt. of Odisha.  
2. Memo No.10607 dt.15.05.2025 of the CCF (Nodal), Bhubaneswar.

With reference to above, it is to intimate you that the User Agency has worked inside the PRF area over 0.5951 ha. without prior approval of the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC. Further, an area of 0.078 ha. of DLC forest land has been broken within the safety zone area and 0.214 ha. of forest land has also been broken outside the mining lease area contiguous to the said safety zone in DLC area which are violation under the Van (Sarankshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980 as per joint verification conducted by the ACF, Bonai Division and Range Officer, Koira on 4.3.2025 in the said lease area.

Besides, the Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department has requested this office vide his Memo No.10972/FE&CC dt.14.05.2025 (**Copy enclosed**) to intimate the period/s of violation immediately.

Hence, you are instructed to submit period of violation of above violation area immediately for taking further action at this end.

Encl :- As above.

  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Bonai Division.



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OFFICE OF THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER, KOIRA RANGE

E-mail:- [koira.range@gmail.com](mailto:koira.range@gmail.com)

Memo No. 666

Dated 04/07/2025

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer  
Bonai Division, Bonai

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 12.565 ha. of forest land including Safety Zone (1.020ha.) within the mining lease area of 18.00 ha. in respect of Bhanjpali Iron Ore Mines under Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District by Sri J.N. Pattnaik.

Sir,

With reference to your above memo, I have inspected the site and found that as per joint verification conducted with Range Officer, Koira and Revenue authority, an area of 0.5951 ha. of Kathmal PRF comes within the above said Mining Lease. The same has been intimated to your office vide this office Memo No.299 dt.27.7.2021. This said PRF has been notified in the year 1973. The above said PRF patch detected within the ML which was previously treated as DLC land since it had included in the DLC report. Presently identified patch of PRF in the ML has got demarcated in the field and no mining activities are under progress in this patch.

Further, it is to inform you that the violation area of 0.078 ha. of DLC forest land broken within the safety zone area and 0.214 ha. of DLC forest land broken outside the mining lease area contiguous to the said safety zone are very old and could not ascertained the actual period of broken in the field. Hence, the said area has been verified in the Google timeline and it is found that the above areas of 0.078 ha. and 0.214 ha. has been broken in the year 2010 and the broken pits are exists as on date.

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

Yours Faithfully

Encl:- As above

*MEMO 04/07/2025*  
Range Officer  
Koira Forest Range