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Memo No. 1732 /6F-(Mg.) Dt: 25.02.2022

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.

Sub:-

Proposal for diversion of 42.608 ha. of forest land (16.658 ha. in Keonjhar Division and 25.950 ha. in Bonai Division) within Kalmang West (Northern Part) Iron Ore Block in Keonjhar and Sundargarh District allotted to TATA Steel BSL Limited (Formerly known as Bhushan Steel Limited)

Ref: -

1. Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/49169/2020 (St. 2Sl. No.OR-58/2020 dt.12.10.2020)
2. Memo No.20894 Dt.06.12.2021 of the Conservator of forests (Nodal) O/o the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. Your Memo No 3636 Dt.09.12.2021.
4. Latter No. 06 Dt.09.02.2022 of the Tata Steel BSL Limited.
5. This Office Memo No.5994 dt.02.08.2021

With reference to above, it is to inform you that the point-wise Compliance of the deficiencies made by the Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar is furnished below

1. ***The project proponent M/s TATA Steel BSL Ltd. has applied permission under Section-2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over 42.608 ha of forest land (16.658 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 25.950 ha in Bonai Forest Division). The above proposal has already been forwarded to Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Dept. for permission under Section-2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide this office memo No.19325 dated 15.11.2021. The UA may be advised to submit proposal under Section-2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 instead of under Section-2(iii) and 2(ii) both.***

In compliance to the said observation, the User Agency was requested vide this office letter No. 10522 dt.13.12.2021 to submit the compliance. In response to this the User Agency revised the above said proposal and submitted the proposal under section-2 (ii) of FC Act,1980 instead of both under section-2(ii) & 2(iii). Necessary corrections have done online also Part-II of the Application & Site Inspection Report have also got revised by the undersigned and enclosed with the proposal. Revised Site Inspection Report has got uploaded online also four (4) sets complete proposal in hard copies are attached herewith.

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2. **As per para-7.9 of Chapter-7 of Handbook of Guideline dated 28.03.2019, all mining projects area required to have a 7.5 meter wide peripheral SZ within the mining lease area. But in this instant proposal, the UA has applied for diversion of 24.802 ha forest land under Section-2(ii) of FC Act, 1980 excluding SZ area of 1.148 ha in case of Bonai Division which is contradictory.**

In compliance to the said observation, the User Agency was requested Vide this office letter No.10522 dt.13.12.2021 to submit the compliance. In response to this User Agency has applied for diversion of 42.608 ha. forest land (16.658 ha.in keonjhar Division and 25.950 ha. including 1.148 ha. Safety Zone Bonai Forest Division) under section-2 (ii) of FC Act,1980. Necessary change in the application has made online also Part-II of the application & Site Inspection Report have also got revised by the undersigned. Revised Site Inspection Report has got uploaded online also.

3. **512 number of trees have been enumerated over 16.658 ha of forest land pertaining to Keonjhar Division. But the RCCF Rourkela Circle and DFO Keonjhar Division reported in Site Inspection Report that 433 number of trees have been enumerated.**

In compliance to the said observation, the above said point not related to this division.

4. **The Site Specific CA and Additional CA scheme should be prepared as per the guidelines issued by this office Memo No 18833 dated 08.11.2021 and Memo No 20566 dated 01.12.2021.**

In compliance to the said observation, the above said point not related to this division.

The Diversion Proposal is enclosed herewith.

Encl :- DP in 4 sets.

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Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act, O/O the P.C.C.F., Orissa, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. under reference.

  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Bonai Division.

Memo No. 1734 /6F-Dt: 25.02.2022

Copy forwarded to the Chief Corporate Service, M/s TATA Steel BSL Ltd., Narendrapur, Kusupanga, Meramandali, Dhenkanal-759121 for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. under reference.

  
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