

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

Memo No. 2592 Dated, Bhubaneswar, the /9F (MG)-368/2016 December, 2018

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, Government of Odisha

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 23.80 ha of forest land (as per sabik records as on 25.10.1980) including 2.240 ha of forest land in safety zone area of Chromite ore mining of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mine of M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. (FACOR Ltd.)
Sir,

In inviting a reference to F&E Department memo No.10F(Cons)228/2016-13861/F&E dated 30.06.2017 on the aforementioned subject, it is to inform that the RCCF, Angul Circle has submitted the required compliance vide his office Memo No.5066 dated 20.09.2018 (copy enclosed), which are furnished below.

It is to inform that the user agency i.e. M/s. FACOR Ltd. has applied for diversion of 23.80 ha forest land including 2.240 ha forest land in safety zone area of Chromite ore mining. The user agency has provided non-forest Govt. land measuring 23.80 ha. identified in village Kerajodi under Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal District under Dhenkanal Forest Division pertaining to above project for raising CA. But the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar vide their letter No.5-ORC288/2016-BHU dt.18.11.2016 have observed that out of 24 ha CA area, 10 ha area contains moderately dense forest (MDF) and balance 14 ha is open forest and requested to identify alternate patch of non-forest land for CA. In this context, it is to say that out of 23.80 ha of forest land pertaining to the above proposal, an area of 11.318 ha has already been broken up prior to 1980 as revealed from Land Use Map of M/s TISCO, GoI, Ministry of Mines in their letter dated 16.04.1999 had conveyed their approval for grant of mining leases over 419.181 ha out of which 39.318 ha was allocated to M/s FACOR Ltd. as recommended by Government of Odisha, Steel & Mines Department. Out of that 23.80 ha which was leased out and lease deed was executed on 18.04.2008 excluding 15.518 ha as non-mineral bearing area. The Divisional Forest Officer Cuttack vide his compliance submitted on dated 11.09.2018 has reported that the user agency alongwith compliance submitted DGPS map duly authenticated by M/s ORSAC, Divisional Forest Officer Cuttack, Deputy Director Mines, Jajpur showing boundary of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines superimposed on broken up areas prior to 25.10.1980 of M/s TATA Steels Ltd. Copy of report of DFO, Cuttack alongwith reply of user agency and DGPS map is enclosed as Annexure-A. As per sabik record that

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23.80 ha the land was classified as Revenue forest land. Hence, total broken up area of the said mining lease is 13.558 ha {11.318 ha (broken up) + 2.240 ha (SZ)}, which may be excluded from Compensatory Afforestation as requested by the user agency. The user agency has requested to consider his case and allowed him for CA over 14 ha open forest in village Kerajodi under Kankadahad Tahasil of Dhenkanal District under Dhenkanal Forest Division instead of 24 ha, which was earlier submitted to Government vide this office letter No.13567 dated 14.07.2016.

This is for favour of kind information of Government and taking necessary action at their end.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

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/Dt. 29.12.18

Copy forwarded to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.5066 dated 20.09.2018.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 25923 /Dt. 29.12.18

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.5067 dated 20.09.2018 of Addl. PCCF, Angul Circle to his address.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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