

कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक एवं वन बल प्रमुख, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

(शाखा-भू-प्रबंध)

सी-ब्लॉक, द्वितीय तल, लिंक रोड नं.-2, वन भवन, तुलसी नगर, भोपाल, म0प्र0-462003

क्रमांक/एफ-1/831/2021/10-11/2669

भोपाल, दिनांक 23-12-25

प्रति,

वन मंडल अधिकारी,
सामान्य वन मंडल, दक्षिण बालाघाट,
मध्यप्रदेश।

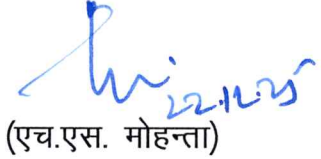
विषय:- वन मंडल दक्षिण बालाघाट के वन परिक्षेत्र खैरलांजी के वन कक्ष क्रमांक PF- 807 & PF- 809 के रकबा 28.02 हे. वनभूमि में ओपन कास्ट पद्धति से मैंगनीज ओर खनिज उत्खनन का मेसर्स अर्पणा फेरो एलायस, बालाघाट का आन लाईन प्रस्ताव क्र. FP/MP/MIN/19894/2016

संदर्भ:-भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली का पत्र क्रमांक 6 MPR004/2022-BHO/(E-175974) दिनांक 18.12.2025

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विषयांकित प्रकरण में भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा उक्त पत्र से प्रकरण में 06 बिन्दुओं पर अतिरिक्त जानकारी चाही गई है। भारत सरकार के संदर्भित पत्र की छायाप्रति संलग्न कर लेख है कि आवेदक संस्था से संबंधित बिन्दु एवं आपसे संबंधित बिन्दुओं की एकजाई जानकारी तत्काल इस कार्यालय को पोर्टल/हार्ड कापी में इस कार्यालय को 02 प्रतियों में भेजे।

संलग्न:-उपरोक्तानुसार।



(एच.एस. मोहन्ता)

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

पृ. क्रमांक/एफ-1/831/2021/10-11/2670

भोपाल, दिनांक 23-12-25

प्रतिलिपि:-

1. मुख्य वन संरक्षक, बालाघाट वृत्त, बालाघाट, मध्य प्रदेश
2. मेसर्स अर्पण फेरा एलायस, जनरल मैनेजर, कोसमी, बालाघाट, मध्यप्रदेश।

की ओर भारत सरकार के उक्त संदर्भित पत्र की छायाप्रति संहित सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित।

संलग्न:-उपरोक्तानुसार।



अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
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File No. 6-MPR004/2022-BHO (E- 175974)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi- 110003
Dated: 18-12-2025

To
The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Madhya Pradesh
Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Diversion of 28.02 ha of Protected Forest land in Survey No. PF-807 & 809 for extraction of manganese ore mining through open cast method in favour of M/s Arpan Ferro Alloys in Balaghat District of Madhya Pradesh (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/19894/2016)- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/831/2021/10-11/608 dated 17/02/2022 on the subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 02.12.2025. The detailed minutes of the said meeting is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. After examination of the proposal, the Committee deferred the proposal for want of the following information:

- i. The IBM on 09.06.2021 has revoked the Mining plan of the instant proposal and the matter for validity of the Mining Plan is under consideration with the Honourable High Court, which implies that the matter is sub judice with regard to the validity of the mining plan and there is no valid mining plan as on date. The state shall submit the proposal along with a valid mining plan.
- ii. The Mineral Resource Department., Government of Madhya Pradesh vide order dated 22.11.2019 extended the validity of the Lol from 11.01.2019 to 10.01.2021. Thus valid Lol is not available as on date. The State shall submit the proposal along with a valid Lol in favour of the user agency.
- iii. The state has not submitted any justification regarding the validity of the Lol in light of provisions of section 10 A (2) (c) of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015. The state shall give justification in this regard.
- iv. The comments of the Ministry of mines shall be obtained on the validity of the Lol in light of provisions of section 10 A (2) (c) of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015.
- v. The State Government shall submit the component wise KML file including each component. Further, as per KML file the proposed mineral evacuation road is terminating within the forest area, therefore the correct KML file shall be submitted.

vi. The non site specific activities like muck dumping over 4 Ha and staff quarters on 1 ha etc. shall be shifted to non-forest land.

3. In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
SUNEET BHARDWAJ
Date: 18-12-2025
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Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhopal.
3. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading the letter on PARIVESH portal.

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Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Minutes of Meeting of Advisory Committee held on 02.12.2025 (Copy enclosed) wherein the Advisory Committee, after going through the facts of the proposal has asked to obtain the comments of the Ministry of Mines regarding the validity of Lol.

2. As per the details in the proposal, the IBM on 09.06.2021 has revoked the Mining plan of the instant proposal and the matter for validity of the Mining Plan is under consideration with the Honourable High Court which implies that the matter is *sub judice* with regard to the validity of the mining plan. The original mining plan was approved on 09.05.1994.

3. The Hon'ble High Court on 09.01.2017 has passed the following order in the instant matter:

"Keeping in view the fact that an approval has been granted under section 5(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 by the Central Government on 16.11.1993, as is evident from Annexure P-3, now in view of the amendment to the aforesaid Act brought into force w.e.f. 27.03.2015 the respondents are directed to atleast execute the agreement with the petitioner as required under the statute before the cut off-date i.e. 11.01.2017 subject to the outcome of the judicial proceedings and other quasi-judicial proceedings pending in the matter so that ultimately in case the quasi-judicial proceedings or the judicial proceedings are decided in favour of the petitioner, the statutory limitation on the cut-off date may not come in the way of the petitioner in seeking the benefit of the permission

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granted by the Central Government. However, It Is clarified that permission to execute the agreement granted by this Court shall not be construed to mean that the petitioner is permitted to carry out the mining activities.

That apart, we further clarify that the decision to be taken and the action thereof shall be subject to out come of any judicial or quasi judicial proceeding or statutory provision that is pending in the matter. With the aforesaid, the petition stands disposed of.”

4. Further, the Mineral Resource Department., Government of Madhya Pradesh vide order dated 22.11.2019 extended the validity of the Lol from 11.01.2019 to 10.01.2021. The Comments/ recommendation by the Mineral Resources Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh regarding the validity of Lol in light of provisions of section 10 A 2 (c) of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 are not submitted by the State Government.

5. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee desired that keeping in view the provisions of section 10 A (2) (c) of MMDR Amendment Act, 2015, the matter of validity of the Lol needs to be examined in detail and in this regard the Ministry shall seek the opinion/comments from the Ministry of Mines.

6. In this regard it is requested to provide the opinion/comments, regarding the validity of the Lol, as indicated above keeping in view the Section 10 A (2) (c) of MMDR Amendment Act, 2015.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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