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To

Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. for non-forestry use of 83.602 ha of forest land including 2.529 ha of Safety Zone for Iron Ore mining in Chandiposhi Block of Koira Tahasil under Bonai Forest Division and District Sundargarh, Odisha - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0001-2023-300/FE&CC dated 06.01.2023 submitting above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After the examination of the proposal the following shortcomings have been observed in the proposal:

- i. The component wise KML file of the proposed forest area including the safety zone has not been submitted.
- ii. The proposal for diversion of forest land has been submitted for a period of 50 years whereas the mining plan submitted is for five years only.
- iii. The progressive mine closure plan is also limited to a period of five years, and does not include the detailed plan for progressive mine closure and reclamation at the end of the mining period.
- iv. As per the information uploaded in Part-II of the PARIVESH portal the number of trees has been mentioned as 4776 whereas the number has been mentioned as 19013 in the site inspection report of the DCF/CF. Further the detail of trees having girth between 0-30 cms has not been uploaded in PART-II, which is required to be done.

The State Government is therefore requested to submit the information/documents/clarification as above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF, MoEF&CC's Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.