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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest& Environment Deptt., Government of Odisha. Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 5.888 ha of forest land (including 0.562 ha of Safety Zone area) in village Oraghat of Sundargarh District for Iron & Manganese Mines by M/s Sayed Abdul Halim under Bonai Forest Division.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)18/20206394/F&E dated 19.03.2020.

Madam.

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to inform that the above proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 10.02.2021 along with direction of the Ministry to coordinate with State Govt. and discuss its recommendation for penalty in light of Hon'ble Supreme Court in their order dated 02.08.2017 in WP (C) No.114/2014. The Committee decided that Regional Office may conduct a meeting with State Govt. to discuss its recommendation for penalty in light of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 02.08.2017 and obtain view of State Govt. in writing and thereafter the proposal along with the written views of State Govt, may be placed before REC for taking decision on the proposal.

It is therefore requested to kindly attend the meeting to be held on 23.02.21 at 11.00 AM in the Conference Hall of this office to discuss the State Govt.'s recommendation for penalty in light of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 02.08.2017.

Yours faithfully,

Padwa Mahanti

(Padma Mahanti)

Dy, Inspector General of Forests (C)

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1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya

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Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)