



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF, ODISHA
ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR

Memo No. 2165 /9F (MG)-77/2021
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 03rd February, 2022

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Rourkela Circle

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 303.066 ha of forest land including 66.126 ha of non-forest land recorded as forest as on 25.10.1980 involved in the mining lease area over 464.00 ha within Bamebari Iron and Manganese Mines of M/s TATA Steel Ltd. in Keonjhar District
(Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/20095/2016, State Sl. No.OR-059/2016 dated 01.07.2016)

Ref: Your Memo No.3583 dated 04.12.2021

In inviting a reference to your above cited correspondence on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that, on scrutiny of the above diversion proposal submitted by you, the following shortcomings are noticed.

1. DFO has reported in Part-II as well as Site Inspection Report that 20 No. old human habitations exist over 4.74 ha Sabik forest land proposed for diversion within the Joribar Block and one habitation over 1.165 ha DLC land in Bamebari Block of the Bamebari Mining Lease. The fact is also corroborated in your Site Inspection Report. But you and DFO have reported against Item No.14 of SIR that the project does not involve displacement of any human habitation for which R&R plan is not insisted upon. There is no mention in purpose wise break-up of forest land regarding existence of human settlement over 5.905 ha of forest land. Whether mining and ancillary activities are compatible with existing habitations? The purpose wise break-up of forest land required to be re-visited as per approved mining plan and ground reality.
2. The Site Specific CA and Additional CA scheme are not prepared as per the guidelines issued by this office Memo No.18833 dated 08.11.2021 and Memo No.20566 dated 01.12.2021.
3. The tree enumeration has not been done in non-forest land over 11.773 ha.
4. Compliance to the following stipulated conditions of Stage-II approval granted over 145.329 ha vide F.No.8-72/2004-FC dated 25.01.2007 of MoEF & CC, Government of India is wanting:
(a) **Condition No.(ii):-** It is stipulated to raise Compensatory Afforestation over 60.30 ha non-forest land. The UA has deposited cost towards Compensatory Afforestation. During 2015-16, Compensatory Afforestation over 19.64 ha has been raised, Compensatory Afforestation has not been raised over balance area of 40.66 ha yet.

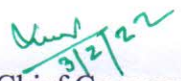
(b) **Condition No. (iii):-** It is stipulated to declare the non-forest land identified for CA as RF/ PF under the Odisha Forest Act, 1972. The DFO Keonjhar Division had sent the draft notification proposal for PF to this office on 30.06.2006. The same was sent to Government from this office vide letter No.24412 dated 16.09.2006 and 24409 dated 16.09.2006. The Government in F & E Department, Odisha made certain observations regarding PF Notification and communicated to this office vide letter No.19024 dated 29.10.2015. The DFO Keonjhar Division was requested to comply the observations vide this office Memo No.13094 dated 18.06.2018 and Memo No.13098 dated 18.06.2018. The compliance is not yet received from the DFO.

(c) **Condition No.(vii):-** The plantation over 1.5 Safety Zone i.e. 5 ha has not been done.

(d) **Condition No.(xi):-** Nothing reported regarding implementation of components of SSWLCP approved by PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha on 01.09.2015.

5. The documents and maps in the diversion proposal are not serially numbered and signed by the authorized signatory.

In view of the above, you are requested to comply the shortcomings as pointed out above at the earliest to facilitate processing of the proposal.


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Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act


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Copy forwarded to Mr. Amit Kumar Dubey, Head (Manganese Group of Mines), Administrative Office, Manganese Group of Mines TATA Steel Ltd. At/Po:-Bichakundi, Via-Joda, Dist-Keonjhar, Pin-758082 for information and necessary action.


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