



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

ବନଖଣ୍ଡ ଅଧିକାରୀ ତଥା ବନ୍ୟପ୍ରାଣୀ ଚରାବଧାରକଙ୍କ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟକଚକ , କଟକ ବନଖଣ୍ଡ ,

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No 2870 / 5F/ (Forest Diversion) 107/2019

Dated, Cuttack the 30th March, 2024.

To

The Authorized Signatory,
Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines,
M/S FACOR Ltd.,
At/Po – Kalarangiatta,
Dist- Jajpur.

Sub:-

Regarding exemption from the purview of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 1980, as per provision given under clause (b) of Sub-section-1A of the Adhinyam, r/w Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications dt.29.12.2023 issued by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, with respect to 23.80 ha mining lease area of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines of M/s Ferro Alloys Corporation Limited (FACOR).

Ref:

Your Letter No.FACOR/Bhadrak/Legal/012/2024 dt.19.03.2024.

Sir,

With reference to the letter cited above on the captioned subject, it is to inform you that, you have requested for allowing mining operation in Kalarangiatta Chromite Mines as per Forest Conservation Amendment Act, 2023 called as Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam (Amendment-2023) and applicability of Provision available for Section-1(A) thereof.

But, in the mean-time on dt.19.02.2024 the Hon'ble Supreme Court has passed an interim order directing that, *States and Union Territories must act as per the definition of "forest" laid down in the 1996 judgment in T.N Godavarman Thirumalpad v. Union of India while the process of identifying land recorded as forests in Govt. records is going on as per the 2023 amendment to Forest (Conservation) Act.*

Considering the above this office is unable process your request till disposal of this case by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

This is for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


Divisional Forest Officer,
Cuttack Forest Division.

(P.T.O)

30/3/24

Memo No. 2871 Dt. 30.3.2024

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Bhubaneswar, Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action.


30/3/24
Divisional Forest Officer,
Cuttack Forest Division.

Memo No. 2872 Dt. 30.3.2024

Copy submitted to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle, Angul for kind information & necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Cuttack Forest Division.