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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Deptt.,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar – 751 001

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.

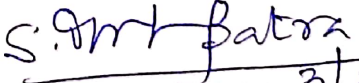
Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to inform that the State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted the above mentioned proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980. On scrutiny of the proposal the following has been observed.

- 1) As per Ministry's guideline issued vide letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019, 0.235 ha (10m wide along both side of village road) will not be considered as part of Safety Zone). Accordingly, State Govt. may identify additional 0.235 ha of non-forest land for compensatory afforestation.
- 2) On scrutiny of KML file of C.A. land in Google Earth, it is observed that the some portion of C.A. land have agricultural plots/cultivated land. This may be clarified.

It is therefore requested to kindly furnish the above clarification/information to this office for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


(S. Mohapatra) 3/4/20

Dy. Director General of Forests (C)