



**STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,  
BHUBANESWAR**

No. *4728* /9F (MG)-89/2015  
Dated, Bhubaneswar the *08th* March' 2018

To

The Managing Director,  
M/s OMC Ltd., OMC House,  
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of balance forest land of 401.7824 ha including 7.2807 ha of safety zone out of total forest land of 519.7472 ha within total Mining Lease area of 618.576 ha for Iron Ore Mining in Gandhamardan (Block-A) Mining Lease in Keonjhar District, Odisha of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd during 2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal of Mining Lease period (likely to be extended up to 31.03.2020 as per Amended provision of MMDR Act, 2015).

Ref: (i) Memo No. 23355/F&E dated 14.11.2017 of Special Secretary to Government, F&E Department addressed to you.

(ii) Memo No. 176/F&E dated 03.01.2018 of Special Secretary to Government, F&E Department addressed to you.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the memo at (i) on the captioned subject, it is to inform you that the Government in F&E Department have entrusted the Department of Biotechnology & Medical Engineering, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela to undertake study of biodiversity and its conservation plan of the Region at the project cost in compliance to the additional condition stipulated by the Eastern Regional Office for diversion of forest land in Gandhamardan-B Mining Lease. The State Government have further requested the DG (Forests) & Special Secretary to Govt. of India to consider the forest diversion proposal of Gandhamardan-A Mining Lease only after submission of NIT prepared final Biodiversity Conservation Plan of Gandhamardan Region in Keonjhar district duly accepted/approved by the State Government.

Further, the Government in F&E Department vide memo at (ii) communicated to you have stated that the above proposal was deferred by the Ministry till submission of approved Biodiversity Conservation Plan of Gandhamardan Region.

You are, therefore, requested to pursue the matter with the NIT Rourkela for expediting submission of the above report for consideration of the forest diversion proposal and further course of action.

This is urgent.

Yours faithfully,

*abhishek* 5/3/18  
Addl. Principal CCF (FD& NO, FC Act)

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Memo No. 4729 Dt 08-3-18

Copy forwarded to the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information & necessary action with reference to F&E Department memo no. 23352/F&E dated 14.11.2017 and 173/F&E dated 03.01.2018 to his address

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Memo No. 4731 (2) Dt 08-03-18

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