

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),

Government of Odisha,

Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of balance forest land of 84.707 ha in favour of M/s D. C. Jain for mining of Iron and manganese ore in Dalpahar Iron & Manganese Ore mines located in Baitrani RF II, District Keojhar (Odisha)-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons.) 179/2015/16479/F&E dated 15.09.2015 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 26.05.2025. The detailed minutes of the AC meeting held on 26.05.2025 may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. The Advisory Committee, after going through the facts of the proposal decided to **defer** the proposal for want of the following information from the State Government:

- i. As the user agency i.e. Shri DC Jain is no more and the proposal for change in the name has been submitted by the UA through PARIVESH 2.0 portal, vide online id no. FP/OR/MIN/QRY/530182/2025, therefore it would be appropriate that the State Govt. shall first complete the process for approval of change in the name of the User Agency and resubmit the proposal thereafter.

In view of above, State Government is requested to resubmit the instant proposal after completing the process for approval of change in the name of the user agency as per recommendation of Advisory Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

2. Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.