



STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF
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Memo No. 11399 9F(MG)- 77/2001
 Dated, Bhubaneswar the 23rd May'2025

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
 Keonjhar Forest Division

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. for non-forestry use 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 & Manganese Mnes in Keonjhar District, Odisha – reg.

Ref: (i) Letter No.8-35/2022-FC dated 29.04.2025 of Assisat Inspector General of Forests, (FC Division) , GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
 (ii) Memo No.11099/FE&CC dt.15.05.2025 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Govt. FE&CC Deptt. Bhubaneswar.

Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of Letter No. .8-35/2022-FC dated 29.04.2025 of Assisat Inspector General of Forests, FC Division , GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi alongwith Memo No. 11099/FE&CC dt.15.05.2025 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Govt. FE&CC Deptt. Bhubaneswar addressed to you on the captioned subject which is self explanatory, for your information & necessary action.

In this context, I am directed to request you to comply the observations pointed out in respect of **Point (i to vi)** of the above mentioned Govt. of India letter and furnish the required compliance to this office through RCCF, Rourkela Circle for onward transmission to GoI, MoEF & CC, (FC Division), New Delhi.

Encl: As above

No 22/5/2025
 Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 11400 Dt. 23-05-2025

Copy along with its enclosure forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No. 11099/FE&CC dt.15.05.2025 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Govt. FE&CC Deptt. Bhubaneswar.

No 22/5/2025
 Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 11401 Dt. 23-05-2025

Copy along with its enclosure forwarded to the Administrative Officer, Manganese Group of Mines, Tata Steel Ltd, At/Po-Bichakundi, Via-Joda, Dist-Keonjhar, Odisha-758082 for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No. 11100/FE&CC dt.15.05.2025 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Govt. FE&CC Deptt. Bhubaneswar.

No 22/5/2025
 Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

Memo No. 11096 /FE&CC, Date 15.05.25
FE-DIV-FLD-0091-2022/ 10F(Cons)49/2022

Copy of Letter No.8-35/2022-FC dtd.29.04.2025 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Govt. India, MoEFCC (FC Division), New Delhi on the matter of proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. for non-forestry use 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 & Manganese Mines in Keonjhar District, Odisha forwarded to the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information & necessary action.

He is requested to please furnish the requisite information to the Ministry directly under intimation to this Department.

ds 15/5/2025

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 11097 /FE&CC, Date 15.05.25

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

ds 15/5/2025

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 11098 /FE&CC, Date 15.05.25

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Steel & Mines Department/ Revenue & Disaster Management Department/ Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department/ Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha/ Collector, Keonjhar for information and necessary action.

ds 15/5/2025

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 11099 /FE&CC, Date 15.05.25

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action.

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

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Memo No. 11100 /FE&CC, Date 15.05.25

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Manganese Group of Mines, Tata Steel Ltd, At/Po-Bichakundi, Via-Joda, Dist-
Keonjhar, Odisha-758082 for information and necessary action.

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government





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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road
New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 29-04-2025

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 in favour of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. for non-forestry use of 303.066 ha of forest land including 66.126 ha of non-forestland recorded as Forest as on 25.10.1980 involved in the mining lease area over 464.00 ha within Bamebari Iron & Manganese Mines in Keonjhar District, Odisha -reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FE-DIV-0091-2022-20413/FE&CC dated 18.11.2022 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 examined by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 16.04.2025. After going through the facts of the proposal, the Committee decided to **defer** the proposal and sought the following information:

- i. Non-forest land for CA equal in extent to the land being sought for diversion including the safety zone shall be provided with all relevant details, KML files, maps etc. as per the guidelines on the matter.
- ii. Agricultural encroachments, road and old plantations have been observed in the area proposed for CA. The state shall ensure that the proposed CA area is free from all encumbrances and the area is not used for compensatory afforestation in the past.
- iii. The Regional Office in the SIR recommended that Boneikala block 165.022 ha should not be handed over for mining activity since it is still not properly explored and there is no connectivity upto the mining site. The violation observed in DSS over this block has to be reported and action taken. The State shall give comments/justification and detailed report in this regard.
- iv. The state shall submit a detailed report on the action taken against the violations.
- v. The Regional office has reported that the Boneikala block could not be assessed during site visit. The Regional Office shall inspect the said area and give its recommendations accordingly.
- vi. The Regional office shall examine the reported violations and renewal of mining lease without approval of the central government and submit a detailed report with recommendations.

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In this regard, the State Government is requested to submit the information as indicated in point no. (i) to (iv) above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 29-04-2025
21:29:12

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar with a request to inspect the area and submit Site Inspection Report as indicated in point no. (v) to (vi) above as per recommendation of Advisory Committee.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.