GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

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From

Sri Lingaraj Otta, IFS

Special Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha,

Bhubaneswar

Diversion of 5.888 ha of forest land (including 0.562 ha of Safety Zone Area) in Sub: village Oraghat of Sundargarh District for Iron & Manganese Mines by M/s Sayed Abdul Halim under Bonai Forest Division.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith a copy of letter No.5-ORC412/2020-BHU dtd.14.06.2021 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar with a request to furnish detail information as sought for therein to this Department for onward transmission of the same to Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Yours faithfully, Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 11 476 /F&E, Date 02 07 21

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

Memo No. 11 477 /F&E, Date 02 07 2

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Steel & Mines Department / Director of Mines, Odisha / Collector, Sundargarh for information and necessary action.

Memo No. 11478/F&E, Date 02/07/21 Special Secretary to Government

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Syed Abdul Halim, At/Po-Barbil, Dist-Special Secretary to Government Keonjhar, Odisha for information and necessary action.

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To

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

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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 directed to inform that the above proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 05.03.2021. During discussion on the proposal, the project proponent informed that in pursuance to the order dated 02.08.2017 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of WP (C) No.114 of 2014 (Common Cause Vrs. Union of India), they have paid the compensation of Rs.9,68,08,288/- against demand amount of Rs.8,24,32,549/- in respect of mines for violation of EP Act, 1986 and FC Act, 1980 and also paid the compensation of Rs.21,12,599 against the demand amount of Rs.17,60,177 for violation of MP/CTO. The project proponent has also informed that they have paid the assessment and penalty amount of Rs.46,05,469/- raised by Tahasildar, Bonai under OPLE Act towards unauthorized working over 1.183 ha of DLC land.

It is therefore requested to furnish the following additional information to this office for further necessary action.

1) Whether the penalties paid by the user agency under MMDR Act as per Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 02.08.2017 in WP (C) No.114 of 2014 (Common Cause Vrs Union of India) and penalties paid under OPLE Act includes the penalties on account of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 also?

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.

2. M/s Sayed Abdul Halim, At/PO: Barbil, Dist: Keonjhar, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)