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Government of Odisha
Forest & Environment Department

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No.10F(Cons) 110/2016 15767 /F&E,Bhubaneswar,dated the 27.07.17

From

Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS
Special Secretary to Government

To

The PCCF, Odisha

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 68.00ha of forest land (49.34 ha of non-forest land recorded as 'Forest' as on 25th October 1980 and 18.660 ha of non-forest land having enough forest growth considered as "forest" in line with the orders dt. 12.12.1996 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(C) No. 202/1995) in respect of Unchabali (Mahaparat) Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd including 11.240 ha of forest land located in the safety zone in village Unchabali and Balda under Barbil Tahasil within the jurisdiction of Keonjhar Forest division in Keonjhar district, Odisha(Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/21011/2016).


Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 15985 dt. 12.7.2017 on the above mentioned subject, I am directed to say that the following shortcomings are observed in the forest diversion proposal.

- (i) Mining operation is reportedly closed since 2011-12. It needs to be clarified whether this lease has been declared as lapsed as per relevant provisions of MMDR Act, 1957 and MCR, 1960 for continuous non-operation of mines for more than 2 years. If not, whether ML period has been extended as per MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015 and supplementary lease deed has been executed accordingly.
- (ii) Detailed land schedule of ML area indicating Kisam/status giving hal-sabik comparison duly authenticated by Tahasildar, Barbil and DFO, Keonjhar shall be furnished.
- (iii) English version of Gram sabha of Balda dt. 20.12.2016 shall be furnished.


In view of above, the forest diversion proposal received in three copies are returned herewith for necessary compliance of deficiencies and re-submission to this department early for processing the forest diversion proposal.

Yours faithfully,


Special Secretary to Government


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
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Copy forwarded to the Managing Director, Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd, OMC House, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.


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