

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

Memo No. **17783** /9F (MG)-368/2016
Dated, Bhubaneswar the **21st** August, 2018

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Cuttack Forest Division

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 23.80 ha of forest land (as per Sabik records as on 25.10.1980) including 2.240 ha of forest land in safety zone area of Chromite ore mining of Kalarangiatta Chromite Mine of M/s. Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd. (FACOR Ltd.)

Ref: Your Memo No.6716 dated 16.07.2018

With reference to your memo on the subject cited above, it is to say that the user agency i.e. M/s FACOR Ltd has applied for diversion of 23.80 ha forest land including 2.240 ha forest land in safety zone area of chromite ore mining. Hence, there is requirement of 21.56 ha of non-forest land for raising compensatory afforestation. The User Agency has provided non-forest Govt. land measuring 23.80 ha identified in Village Kerajodi under Kankadahad Tahasil under your Division pertaining to above project for raising CA. The CA scheme prepared by you @ 1600 seedlings/ ha in Bald Hill Plantation module has been approved by the undersigned for Rs.91,96,900/- only & sent to Government of India, MoEF & CC with DP. The Government of India, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar vide their letter No.5-ORC288/2016-BHU dated 18.11.2016 have observed that out of 24 ha CA area, 10 ha area contains moderately dense forest (MDF) and balance 14 ha is open forest & requested to identify alternate patch of non-forest land for CA. In this context, you were asked for necessary compliance raised by the Government of India vide this office Memo No.24424 dated 27.12.2016 and you have submitted compliance vide your memo No.8450 dated 07.11.2017 stating that out of total 23.80 ha forest land, 9.037 ha of forest land is broken up prior to 25.10.1980 and 2.240 ha of forest land is safety zone and therefore, 11.277 ha of forest land is exempted from CA and there is only requirement of 12.523 ha of non-forest land for CA. The said compliance was returned to you vide this office memo No.3243 dated 16.02.2018 as it was not convincing & the superimposed lease boundary map enclosed thereof was not authenticated by you, mining officials and ORSAC. Now, the RCCF, Angul has forwarded a superimposed map authenticated by the ORSAC & signed by you, Dy. Director Mines and User Agency wherein pre-1980 broken-up area excluding safety zone has been shown to be 11.318 ha and requested to consider the said case and allow to raise CA over 10.242 ha.

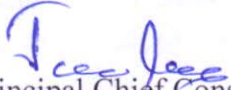
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Further, the fact of pre-1980 broken up area was not mentioned in the diversion proposal and the same was not reflected in the forwarding letter to Government in F&E Department and subsequently to Government of India, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar. Now, it is being claimed to avail the relaxation of CA area. The certificate furnished at the second para on the body of the map is also found to be ambiguous & is not in consonance with the records pertaining to the extent of pre-80 broken up area of TATA Steel Ltd. Hence, you are requested to furnish necessary clarification on the above matter at an early date.

This is urgent.


Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to your memo No.3836 dated 25.07.2018.


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