

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT**

Memo No. 17894 /FE&CC, Date 22.08.23
FE-DIV-FLD-0088-2022/ 10F (Cons)-47/2022

Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi Letter No.8-31/2022-FC, dtd.14.08.2023 on the matter of proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Bhusan Power & Steel Limited for non-forestry use of 112.621 ha of forest land (including 1.808 ha earmarked for Safety Zone) in village Baldihi under Koira Tahasil and Koira Range of Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District within the Block area of 139.223 ha in respect of Netrabandha Pahar Iron Ore Block in Odisha State (Online Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/26965/2017) forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and with request to furnish the required information as sought for by Govt. of India in the aforesaid letter directly to the Ministry under intimation to this Department.

d. 22/8/2023

Memo No. 17895 /FE&CC, Date 22.08.23
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

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

d. 22/8/2023

Memo No. 17896 /FE&CC, Date 22.08.23
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

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

d. 22/8/2023

Memo No. 17897 /FE&CC, Date 22.08.23
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

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

d. 22/8/2023

Memo No. 17898 /FE&CC, Date 22.08.23
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the EVP-cum-Whole Time Director, BPSL, Thelkoi, P.O.-Lapanga, Dist.-Sambalpur, Pin-768212 for information and necessary action.

d. 22/8/2023

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government



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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jor Bagh Road Aliganj
New Delhi-110003

Dated: August, 2023

To,
The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)
Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Bhusan Power & Steel Limited for non-forestry use of 112.621 ha of Forest land (including 1.808 ha earmarked for Safety Zone) in village Baldihi under Koira Tahasil and Koira Range of Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District within the block area of 139.223 ha in respect of Netrabandha Pahar Iron Ore Block in Odisha State (Online proposal no. FP/OR/MIN/26965/2017)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter FE-DIV-FLD-0088-2022-19934/FE&CC dated 09.11.2022 and additional information submitted vide No. 2680/9F (MG)-27/2022 dated 10.02.2023 and vide letter no 10285/9F (MG) -27/2022 dated 29.05.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 17.07.2023. The detailed minutes of the AC meeting may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. The AC decided to defer the proposal and desired following information from the State Government:

- i. Considering the present situation of mining in the area and rise in human elephant conflict the compensation mechanism for the victims by the user agencies needs to be developed.
- ii. The CSIR- NEERI has given its recommendation on carrying capacity vis-à-vis pollution in these areas and the Suggested Ore Transportation Mode (SOTM) in 2014. After lapse of about 9 years, many changes in the landscape and fresh mining in the region, the State Govt. shall examine and submit a detailed report with proper justification, whether there is a need to revalidate the said study or a need to carry a fresh study in this regard.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish information/documents, as indicated above, as per recommendation of AC, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten: vsc/m at 17/08/2023

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Signed by

Surabhi Rai

(Dr. Surabhi Rai)

Date: 14.05.2023

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office at Bhubaneswar.
3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.