

**F. No. 8-28/2015-FC**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**  
**(FC Division)**

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Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Diversion of balance forest land of 746.3325 ha including 11.8305 ha for safety zone (excluding 95.60 ha of pre-1980 broken up forest land already diverted and 4.467 ha of forest land being proposed for diversion in separate proposal for mining infrastructure of Daitari ML ) within total forest land of 846.3995 ha located within approved Mining lease area of 1018.3085 ha for Iron Ore Mining in Daitari Mining lease in Cuttack Forest Division of Jajpur District and Keonjhar (WL) Division of Keonjhar District, Odisha ) M/s OMC Ltd. during Mining lease period as extended under the amended provision MMDR Act.**

Sir,

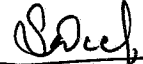
I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. No. 10F (Cons) 210/2015, 16637/F/E, Bhubaneswar, dated 19.09.15 submitting above subject proposal for prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 20.07.2017. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 20.07.2017 is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.Forrestclearance.nic.in](http://www.Forrestclearance.nic.in).

2. FAC after thorough deliberations and discussion with the user agency, the representative of state government and regional office observed that the forest area is of pristine nature which has more than 2,72,535 trees with density about 0.8 and National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has proposed a tiger corridor interlinking Similipal Tiger & Satkosia Tiger Reserve in Odisha which is essential for long term Tiger / Wildlife conservation in our country. In this backdrop FAC recommended that.

- (i) State Government in consultation with Regional Office shall take a holistic view of all mines existing in that area and analyse how this mine along with other existing mines in the area will affect the corridor connectivity and biodiversity value of the area.
- (ii) It is reported that a big patch of Gramya Jungle was found without vegetative cover, which was abnormal considering the dense canopy of the adjacent forest, the area is adjacent to village Talapada. Approximately 28.67 ha. of Gramya Jungle coming within the lease area. The State Government shall enquire the reason for less vegetation in the lease area under the control of the user agency and submit the report to the ministry.

The State Government may take necessary action as per above recommendation of FAC.

Yours faithfully



(Sandeep Sharma) 24.8.17

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC
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