

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

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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 Raga Tradecon Pvt. Ltd. for non-forestry use of 66.242 (including 2.09 ha safety zone) ha of forest land for Mining of iron ore within Netrabandha Pahar (West) Iron Ore Block in villages Baldini and Sanua under Bonal Forest Division of Sundargarh District of Odisha (Online proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/153549/2022).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter no. FE-DIV-FLD-0026-2023-5707/FE&CC dated 28.03.2023 on above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 11.09.2023. The detailed minutes of the AC meeting may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in.

The AC, after detailed discussion and deliberation, decided that the recommendation made by the in agenda item no. 11 discussed in the AC meeting held on 17.07.2023 will apply ***mutatis-mutandis*** to the extant proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Surabhai Rai)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- i. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- ii. DDGF (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
- iii. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- iv. User Agency
- v. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.