

ଡେଙ୍କାନାଳ, ଗୁରୁବାର, ଦିନେମ୍ବର ୨୩/୨୦୨୧ (୮+୮=୧୬ ପୃଷ୍ଠା)

Dhenkanal, Thursday, December 23/2021

ଆର୍ଯ୍ୟନଙ୍କୁ ମୁକୁଳାଇବାକୁ ଲାଞ୍ଚ ଅଭିଯୋଗର ପ୍ରମାଣ ନାହିଁ
ଅଭିନେତା ଶାହାରୁଖ ଖାନଙ୍କ ପୁଅ ଆର୍ଯ୍ୟନଙ୍କୁ ଦ୍ରୁଷ୍ଟ ମାମଲାରୁ ମୁକୁଳାଇବା ପାଇଁ ଏନ୍ଦିରି
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ମ୍ୟାନ ଅପ୍ ଦି ମ୍ୟାର ଅଧିନାୟକ ମନ୍‌ପ୍ରାତ ସିଂହ ଆକର୍ଷଣୀୟ ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ ବଲରେ
ଭାରତ ଏସିଆନ ଚାମ୍ପିଯନ୍ସ ଟ୍ରୂପ୍ ହକିରେ ବ୍ରୋଞ୍ଜ ପଦକ ହାସଲ କରିଛି।

୪ ଡିସ୍ରେୟୁ ଉତ୍ତର ଖସିଲା ପାରଦ

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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୨୩୧୨୨ (ବ୍ୟେଗୋ)

ଶାତରୁ ନିଯ୍ୟାର ନାହିଁ ଗତ କିନ୍ତୁ ଦିନ ହେବ
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

NO. FE-DIV-FLD-0076-2021-22418/FE&CC,
10F (Cons) 108/2018
Bhubaneswar, Dated the 20.12.2021

ORDER

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 345.189 ha forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within the total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

WHEREAS, The Managing Director, Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., OMC House, Bhubaneswar had applied for diversion of 345.189 ha of forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

And whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi had accorded 'in-principle' approval for the diversion of 345.189 ha of forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions vide its letter F.No.8-46/2018-FC dtd.31.01.2019 (Annexure-I).

And whereas, the MoEF&CC, Government of India, New Delhi in consideration of the compliance of the conditions of the 'in-principle' approval, have accorded final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 345.189 ha forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha vide its letter F.No.8-46/2018-FC dtd.16.12.2021 (Annexure-II) subject to conditions as stipulated therein.

Now therefore, the Government of Odisha, do hereby allow non-forestry use of 345.189 ha forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha, as per approved land schedule furnished by PCCF, Odisha vide their letter No.10335 dtd 10.05.2018 subject to fulfillment of the conditions of final forest clearance order as stipulated by the MoEF&CC, Government of India, New Delhi. The details land schedule of forest land as received from PCCF, Odisha vide their letter No.10335 dtd.10.05.2018 are appended herewith as Annexure-III (3 Pages).

The Collector, Keonjhar and Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division, as the case may be hereby authorized to handover the forest land coming within their jurisdiction, after necessary compliance as has been finally diverted following due procedure of law. Before handing over the diverted forest land to the user agency, it shall be ensured that Net Present Value of the forest land for this project for which approval has been obtained shall be deposited in full, at applicable rates.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division is also directed to monitor compliance to the conditions stipulated for such diversion in the respective forest/ wildlife clearances order and to report violations, if any, to the Nodal Officer, O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha and to the Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department.

Execution of project activities will be subject to availability of all other statutory clearances required under relevant Acts/Rules for this mining project, deposit of requisite funds and compliance of Court's order, if any.

By Order of Governor
(Lingaraj Ota)

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22419/ FE&CC Date 20.12.2021

Copy along with the copy of Annexure-I, Annexure-II and Annexure-III as above forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and necessary follow up action.

Appropriate instruction to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division and user agency may be imparted for required follow up action at their end. It may be ensured by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division that Net Present Value of the forest land involved in this project of the user agency is deposited by them in appropriate head in full, at applicable rates. The user agency may also be instructed to furnish compliance to the conditions of forest/ wildlife clearance pertaining to the project in every quarter to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for facilitating monitoring of compliance.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22420/ FE&CC Date 20.12.2021

Copy along with the copy of Annexures as above forwarded to the Asst. Inspector General of Forest, Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, Aliganj Road, New Delhi, Pin-110003 / Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), MoEF&CC, Government of India, IRO, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary follow up action in compliance to the order of Hon'ble NGT dtd. 07.11.2012 in Appeal No. 07/2012 communicated by the MoEF, Government vide their letter F. No. 7-23/2012-FC dtd. 24.07.2013.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22421 / FE&CC Date 20.12.2021

Copy along with the copy of Annexures as above forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha / Director, Environment, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department / Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22422/ FE&CC Date 20.12.2021

Copy along with the copy of the Annexures as above forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Rourkela Circle / Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Bhawaniapura Circle / Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division / Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi (South) Forest Division for information and immediate necessary compliance.

It may be ensured by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest

Division that Net Present Value of the forest land involved in this project of the user agency shall be deposited by them in full, at applicable rates in appropriate head before handing over of the forest land to the user agency. Besides, funds, if any, due to be deposited by the user agency for this project shall also be deposited by the project proponent before the forest land is handed over to them. The user agency may also be instructed to furnish compliance to the conditions of forest / wildlife clearance pertaining to the project in every quarter to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for facilitating monitoring of compliances by them.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division is also instructed to ensure that the direction given to the user agency are

executed immediately.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22423/ FE&CC Date 20.12.2021

Copy along with the copy of Annexures as above forwarded to Steel & Mines Department/ Director of Mines, Odisha / Collector, Keonjhar/ Collector, Kahalandi for information and necessary follow up action.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22424/ FE&CC Date 20.12.2021

Copy along with the copy of Annexures as above forwarded to the Private Secretary to Minister of Forest, Environment & Climate Change for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22425/ FE&CC Date 20.12.2021

Copy along with the copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Managing Director, Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd, OMC House, Bhubaneswar for information and immediate necessary action.

The user agency is asked to take following actions immediately as per orders of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.07/2012 communicated by the MoEF, Government of India vide their letter F. No.7-23/2012-FC dtd.24.07.2013.

i. They shall publish the entire forest clearance granted in verbatim along with conditions and safeguards imposed by the Central Government in Stage-II/ forest clearance in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and the other in English language so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the Project for use of forest land for non forest purposes.

ii. They shall submit the copies of forest clearance orders granted by the Central Government/State Government to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal bodies along with the relevant offices of the State Government, who in turn, shall display the same for 30 days from date of receipt.

iii. Detailed action taken in compliance to the above order of State Government shall be intimated to the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division / RCCF, Rourkela Circle / PCCF, Odisha / Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for reference.

Besides the above, the user agency is also asked to deposit Net Present Value of forest land for this project in full, if not deposited yet, at applicable rates. Requisite funds due for deposit by the user agency on account of this project shall also be deposited under appropriate head.

The user agency shall furnish compliances to the conditions prescribed in the forest/wildlife clearance order to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division in every quarter, for the purpose of monitoring.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22426 / FE&CC Date. 20.12.2021

Copy with copy of Annexures forwarded to the Head, State Portal, I.T. Centre, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action. He is requested to upload this order along with its enclosures in the website of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department immediately for information of all concerned. This is required in compliance to order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.7/2012. Hence this may be done unfailingly.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22427/ FE & CC Date . 20.12.2021

Copy with copy of Annexures forwarded to the Under Secretary to Government, Office Establishment Section, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for information and necessary action with reference to their letter No.1293/F&E dtd.16.07.2016.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22428/ FE & CC Date . 20.12.2021

Copy with copy of Annexures forwarded to the Head, State Portal, I.T. Centre, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action. He is requested to upload this order along with its enclosures in the website of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department immediately for information of all concerned. This is required in compliance to order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.7/2012. Hence this may be done unfailingly.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22429/ FE & CC Date . 20.12.2021

Copy with copy of Annexures forwarded to the Under Secretary to Government, Office Establishment Section, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for information and necessary action with reference to their letter No.1293/F&E dtd.16.07.2016.

Special Secretary to Government

F. No. 8-46/2018-FC Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi –110003,

Dated: 31st January, 2019

To,

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 345.189 ha. of forest land including 6.919 ha. in safety zone within the total mining lease area over 366.311 ha. of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

WHEREAS, the Managing Director, Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd., OMC House, Bhubaneswar had applied for diversion of 345.189 ha of forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

And whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi had accorded 'in-principle' approval for the diversion of 345.189 ha of forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions vide its letter F.No.8-46/2018-FC dtd.31.01.2019 (Annexure-I).

And whereas, the MoEF&CC, Government of India, New Delhi in consideration of the compliance of the conditions of the 'in-principle' approval, have accorded final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 345.189 ha forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd. in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the above conditions from the State Government, formal approval will be considered under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The transfer of forest land to the User Agency shall not be affected by the State Government till formal orders approving the diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concern Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed.

(xv) The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km. from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed approved plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF & CC before Stage-II approval;

(xvi) The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;

(xvii) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and

(xviii) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the above conditions from the State Government, formal approval will be considered under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The transfer of forest land to the User Agency shall not be affected by the State Government till formal orders approving the diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

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

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi: 110003,

Dated: 16th December, 2021

To,

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

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 345.189 ha forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within the total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons) 10/2018/12189/F&E dated 25.05.2018 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee, constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, 'in-principle' approval to the proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was granted by this Ministry's letter of even number dated 31st January, 2019 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter no. 15727/9F(MG)-22/2018 dated 13.09.2021, and letter no. 20842/9F(MG)-22/2018 dated 04.12.2021, final approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 345.189 ha forest land including 6.919 ha in safety zone within the total mining lease area over 366.311 ha of Khandbandh Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd in Keonjhar district, Odisha, subject to following conditions:

A. Conditions which need to be complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department

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