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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Forest Conservation Division

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To

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

Subject: - Guidelines regarding prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (FC Act) for areas falling in the mining leases which were or are recorded as 'forest' in the Government record on or after the day the FC Act came into force, but while processing and or approving the proposals under the FC Act for use of forest land falling in such mining leases for mining purposes, such areas were treated as 'non-forest - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even dated 09.03.2016 on the above-mentioned subject wherein it was inter-alia stated that the period of one year stipulated in the letter of even number dated 10.03.2015 has been extended till 30th September, 2016, provided the State Government submits complete proposal to seek prior approval of Central Government under the FC Act for use of such already broken up forest land for mining and allied activities, at least three months prior to the 30th September, 2016 failing which mining in such broken up forest areas will be discontinued. Thus, the date to submit the complete proposals in this category has been expired on 30.06.2016.

With the approval of competent authority, the date for submission of complete proposal for seeking prior approval of Central Government under the FC Act for use of such already broken up forest land for mining and allied activities, has now been extended till 31.08.2016.

Yours faithfully


(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha Bhubaneswar.
4. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
5. Sr. PPS to Secretary (EF&CC)/ DGF&SS/PPS to ADGF (FC)/ PPS to IGF (FC).
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