

South Kaliapani

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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(F.C. Division)

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Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.

Dated the 8th June, 2001.

To

CCFE The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 306.047 ha. of forest land in village Kaliapani, Gurujangpal, Sukurangi, Saruabil and Forest Block No. 27 for South Kaliapani Chromite mines in favour of M/s. OMC Ltd. in Athagarh Forest Division.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10F(Cons)-83/99.1868/F&E dated 22.01.2000 and Nodal Officer letter No. 10F(Cons)-83/99.6660/F&E dated 25.04.2001 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the recommendations of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 146.047 ha. of already broken up forest land for South Kaliapani Chromite mines in favour of M/s. OMC Ltd. in Athagarh Forest Division of Jajpur district, Orissa subject to fulfillment of following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Mining shall be done as per the approved mining plan. The reclamation of mined out areas will be done concurrently in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost. The progress of reclamation shall be assessed by the State Forest Department and the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar periodically.
- (iii) The user agency will transfer the cost of fencing, protection, regeneration and maintenance of the safety zone area and afforestation over one and half times of safety zone area in degraded forest land else where (revised as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) in favour of the State Forest Department and

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the State Government will place this fund with the DFO/DCF responsible for implementing the above-mentioned conditions.

- (iv) Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at the project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward & back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar.
- (v) No felling of trees shall be done within the lease area unless it is really warranted for mining and such felling should be done with the prior permission and the conditions imposed by the concerned DFO.
- (vi) The user agency will make arrangements for free supply of fuel wood preferably alternate energy source to labourers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest areas.
- (vii) The period of permission under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be for 15 years w.e.f. the date of issue of this order subject to Environmental Clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (viii) The area will not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (ix) The State Government will not allot the remaining forest land (for which request has been made in the proposal for diversion but same has not been approved for diversion by the Central Government) to any other for mining/other purposes. Request of the State/user agency for fresh forest land will be considered during new renewal.
- (x) Any other condition that the State Government or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna of the area.

Yours faithfully,

(J.P. Misra)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar..
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. The Regional Office (Hq.), New Delhi.
5. The User agency.
6. Guard file.

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