

F. No. 8-81/1996-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

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Dated: 28th March 2008

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswer.

Sub: Diversion of 87.44 ha. of forest land (including 41.157 ha area already approved by this Ministry's order dated 14.02.97 and 29.08.97) for renewal of Kamarda Chromite mining lease of M/s B.C. Mohanty & Sons (Pvt.) Ltd. in Jajpur district of Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No.10.F. (Cons) / 6 / 1999 / 1500 / F&E dated 21.01.1999 on the subject cited above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, in-principle approval for the said Mining Lease was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 4/7th July, 2003 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. 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.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. 10.F. (Cons) / 6 / 1999 / 4479 / F&E dated 14.03.2008, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 87.44 ha of forest land for renewal of Kamarda Chromite Mining Lease of M/s B.C. Mohanty & Sons (Pvt.) Limited in Jajpur district of Orissa subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. (i) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
(ii) Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 metres strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area) shall be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost.
(iii) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
3. Following activities shall be undertaken by the State Forest Department at the project cost:
 - (i) Proper mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be prepared and implemented.

