

Government of India  
Ministry of Mines

No.9/1/2013-M.IV

Dated the 19/12/2013

To,  
Shri Banamali Dash,  
Lokanath Road, Puri Town,  
Puri, Plot No. 66-A Forest Park,  
Bhubaneswar -9.

Sub: - Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 in respect of 1<sup>st</sup> renewal of Sukinda (bhimata nagar) chromite Mining lease of Tata Steel Ltd.

Sir,

I am directed refer to your RTI application dated 12.12.2013 on the subject cited above.

2. It is the State Governments who grant Mineral concessions [Reconnaissance Permit (RP), Prospecting License (PL) and Mining Lease (ML) under the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957. However, prior approval of the Central Government is required under Section 5 (1) of the Act for grant of RP, PL and ML in respect of minerals specified in Parts 'B' and 'C' of the First Schedule to the Act. Subsequent to the prior approval of the Central Government, mining leases etc are executed by the State Governments with the mining agencies after they obtain all statutory clearances and approvals. Applicants for mineral concession file their application with the State Governments only. Renewal of mining leases for minerals specified in Part 'C' of the first Schedule to the MMDR Act which inter-alia includes chrome ore, also come under the purview of the State Government concerned. Hence, your RTI application essentially pertains to the State Government of Odisha.

3. As mentioned in the Guidelines for use of this portal, this facility is not available for filling RTI application for the public authorities under the State Governments, including Government of NCT Delhi. Since your RTI application is meant for a public authority under the State Government, the same is returned herewith. You may file the same before the concerned public authority under the State Government.

3. If you are not satisfied with reply / information, you may prefer an appeal to Shri A.K. Mallik, Under Secretary and Appellate Authority, Ministry of Mines, Room No. 31 'D' Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi within 30 days of receipt of information.

Yours Faithfully,



(Amit Choubey)

Section Officer and CPIO

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PI Cell, Ministry of Mines with reference their U.O. No. Mines/R/2013/00057[2/218/2013P.I] dated 17.12.2013.