

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT**

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**NOTIFICATION**

Bhubaneswar, dated the **20 MAY 2026**

No.FE-DIV-FLD-0017-2025-{10F-(Cons)-12/2025}-11223/FE&CC, In exercise of the powers conferred under Section-33 of the Odisha Forest Act, 1972 (Odisha Act 14 of 1972), the State Government do hereby declare that the following land situated in Village-**Kauguda** under Muniguda Tahasil of Rayagada District mutated and transferred in favour of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for raising Compensatory Afforestation thereon against the proposed diversion of 708.204 ha (564.581 ha in Rayagada Forest Division + 143.623 ha in Kalahandi (South) Forest Division) of Forest land (including 11.195 ha earmarked for Safety Zone) within total Mining Lease land in 1548.786 ha of Sijimali Bauxite Mines in Rayagada Forest Division & Kalahandi (South) Forest Division under Rayagada and Kalahandi District respectively, Odisha State in respect of M/s Vedanta Limited vide 'In-principle/Stage-I' approval of Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi communicated vide letter dtd.31.12.2025 under Section-2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, the limits of which are specified below and the area of which is 38.9511 Ha (96.25 Ac) shall be Protected Forest with effect from the date of issue of the Notification and shall be known as "**Kauguda Protected Forest**".

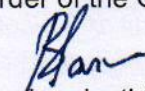
**Forest Block:**

Name of the Protected Forest : Kauguda  
Area in Ha : 38.9511 ha  
Area in Acres : 96.25 Ac  
Name of the Village : Kauguda  
Name of the Police Station : Ambadola  
Name of the Tahasil : Muniguda  
Name of the Sub-Division : Gunupur  
Name of the District : Rayagada

**Land Schedule:**

Village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kisam	Area in Acre	Boundary description			
					North	South	East	West
Kauguda	10/1	44/1	Pahad	59.64	Plot No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 & 12	Plot No. 46/2	Plot No. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 & 44/1	Plot No. 44 (P)
		46/2		36.61	Plot No. 44/1	Gumudi vill boundary	Plot No. 45, 46(P), 47, 49 & 50	Plot No. 46 (P)
<b>Total Two Plots in One Patch</b>				<b>96.25 Ac or 38.9511 ha.</b>				

By Order of the Governor

  
(Bhaskar Jyoti Sarma)

Principal Secretary to Government

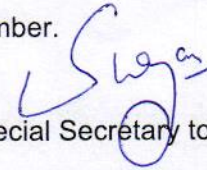
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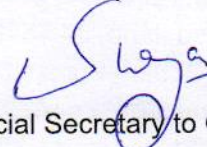
Odisha, Cuttack for publication in an extra-ordinary issue of the Odisha Gazette and supply 10 copies of printed notification each to Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department/ Director of Land Records and Surveys, Odisha, Cuttack/ Collector, Rayagada/ Divisional Forest Officer, Rayagada Forest Division/ Tahasildar, Muniguda Tahasil, Dist.-Rayagada.

2. The Notification is statutory and may be assigned SRO number.

  
Special Secretary to Government

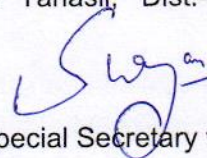
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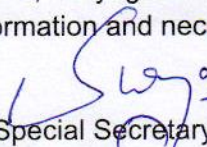
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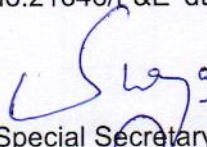
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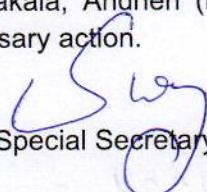
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