

Centre fails to submit affidavit to apex court on Forest Rights Act over Niyamgiri bauxite mine

Report by Odisha Diary bureau, New Delhi: Centre fails to submit affidavit to apex court on Forest Rights Act over Niyamgiri bauxite mine. The Union Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) has sought two weeks time to submit its affidavit pertaining to the bauxite mining of Niyamgiri hills.

Due to this apex court on Monday deferred hearing for two weeks due to non-submittal of affidavit by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF).

It should be noted that the court was to hear on Odisha Mining Corporation's (OMC) application against the withdrawal of environmental clearance to Niyamgiri. The apex court has asked both the state and central governments to submit affidavits on the implementation of the Forest Conservation Act in the mining area.