

Sub: Diversion of 93.58 ha of Revenue forest land in Amgaon OC Mine in favour of SECL in District Surajpur, Chhattisgarh.

The State Government of Chhattisgarh vide their letter No. F-5-21/2018/10-2 dated 16.10.2018 (**Pg.1-540/c**) submitted the above mentioned proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. This proposal has been received in the division on 05.12.2018.

2. The facts related to the proposal as contained in the State Government's letter dated 16.10.2018 are given below in the form of fact sheet.

FACT SHEET

1.	Name of the Proposal	Diversion of 93.58 ha of Revenue forest land in Amgaon OC Mine in favour of SECL in District Surajpur, Chhattisgarh.
2.	Location (i) State (ii) District	Chhattisgarh Surajpur
3.	Particulars of Forests: (i) Name of Forest Division and Forest area involved. (ii) Legal status/Sy.No. (iii)Map	Surajpur Forest Division 93.58 ha 93.58 ha Revenue forest land ---
4.	Topography of the area	
5.	(i) Geology (ii) Vulnerability to erosion	 Not vulnerable to erosion
6.	Density of Vegetation	Less than 0.4
7.	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed).	The details of Flora and Fauna are given and placed in file at pg.156-162/c . A total No. of 2221 trees are enumerated(Pg.1/c).The species-wise details may kindly be seen at pg.338-349/c .
8.	Whether forms part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. (if so, details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed).	-No-
9.	Whether any RET species of flora and fauna are found in the area. If so details thereof	-No-
10.	Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	0.5 km. (Approx.)
11.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area.	-No-

12.	Whether any work of in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	-No-
13.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project, if no recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	-Yes-
14.	Whether clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is required?	Yes, A copy of Environment Clearance granted by MoEF& CC in 2009 is given.
15.	Compensatory Afforestation	
	(i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for CA, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patches.	188.00 ha of double degraded land has been identified Surajpur range and Ramanujnagar range
	(ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for CA and adjoining forest boundaries.	Given(Pg.55-56/c)
	(iii) Detailed CA scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	Compensatory afforestation scheme mentioning all details enclosed with the diversion proposal (Pg.359-383/c),
	(iv) Total financial outlay for CA Scheme	Rs. 84779728/-
	(v) Certificate from the competent authority regarding suitability of the area identified for CA and from management point of view.	Duly signed certificates regarding suitability for compensatory afforestation are given and may kindly be seen at pg.353-354/c .
16.	Catchment Area Treatment	Not Applicable
17.	Rehabilitation of Oustees a) No of families involved b) Category of families c) Details of rehabilitation plan	254
18.	Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 for 93.58 ha has been submitted(Pg.464-496/c).
19.	Total Cost of the Project	Rs. 332800000.00
20.	Total period for which the forest land proposed for diversion is required by the user agency	26 years
21.	Employment Potential	Permanent/Regular Employment: 200. Temporary Employment : 200
22.	Cost benefit Analysis	1:11.99(Pg.351-352/c)
23.	Recommendations: i. DFO ii. CF/CCF	Recommended (Pg.434-437/c) Recommended (Pg.426-427/c)&(Pg.438/c)

	iii. Nodal Officer/PCCF iv SG	Recommended with conditions(Pg.439/c) Recommended (Pg.440/c)
24.	District Profile (i) Total Geographical area of the district (ii) Total Forest area/Divisional Forest area (iii) Total area diverted since 1980 (iv) Total CA stipulated since 1980 a. Forest land including penal CA b. Non Forest Land	5181.588 Sq. Km. 1761.930 Sq. Km. 2141.715 Ha. / 20 Nos. 3517.587 Ha. 3450.702 Ha. 66.885 Ha.

Other Remarks:

1. The PCCF recommended the proposal subject to following conditions:
 - (i) The protection plan as given for gas/fuel supply to the labourers and the staff working at the site to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas shall be implemented;
 - (ii) It may ensure that Residential building to the staff working at the site shall be constructed on non-forest land, to avoid temp. construction on forest land.
 - (iii) A monitoring committee comprising a member DFO concerned in accordance with Govt. policies may be constituted for implementation of Reclamation Plan.
 - (v) The safety zone shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost by erecting six feet high barbed wire fencing.
2. The Joint Site Verification has been done(Pg.67-68/c).
3. The justification for locating of the instant project is given and may kindly be seen (Pg.295/c).
4. The undertakings for deposition of CA and NPV are given.
5. R&R plan duly approved by the competent authority is yet to be submitted.
6. A letter no.5188 dated 25.10.2017 of approved **plan of Rs.173.63 lakhs for Wildlife Conservation** by the PCCF (WL) has been furnished(Pg.409-410/c).
7. A work plan of protection of Rs.1,54,60,000/- to avoid pressure of labourers and to prevent encroachment has been furnished (Pg.355-356/c).

In view of above, the facts related to the proposal may be placed before FAC **as additional agenda** in its next meeting scheduled to be held on 19.12.2018 for their examination and appropriate recommendation.
