

F. No. 8-63/2011-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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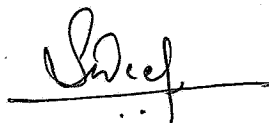
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 15.701 ha of revenue forest land in the villages of Dulanga, Ghumudasan and Manoharpur under Hemgiri Tahasil of Sundargarh district for Coal Mining in Manoharpur Coal Mine Project by M/s Odisha Coal and Power Ltd. (OCPL) under DFO, Sundargarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No.10F (Cons) 112/125139/F&E dated 21.12.19 submitting above subject proposal for consideration and approval of Government of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980. After examination of the proposal, following points need clarifications from the State Government:

1. It is reported that the mining plan is revised on 17.04.2018 for 1064 ha., it is not clear if 15.701 ha which is sought for diversion is also a part of the total lease area under the project. If it is part of total project area/lease than the user agency should have paid NPV for entire forest area within the lease. As reported, same has not been paid yet. This need clarification from the State Government.
2. How much is the forest area within 1064.402 ha.may be clarified.
3. Total forest land of 159.616 ha was diverted in favour of OPGC, wherein 57.078 ha forest land was transferred from OPGC to OCPL. Status of balance 102.53 ha (159.616 - 57.078) may be submitted.
4. There need to be clarification on the status of the area inside and outside block.
5. On analysis of CA patches, it is observed that one patch is of 2.081 ha. As per latest guidelines dt 22/05/2019 smaller patches of less than 5 ha shall not be accepted for the purpose of CA. Justification in this regard may be submitted
6. Status of the compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-II approval dated 20.08.2014 shall be submitted.



31.1.2020

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit information/ clarification/ documents as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 30.1.2020.

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Deputy Director General (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC
6. Guard File