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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated: 1st
March, 2021**

To

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

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use 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-reg.

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 and 21809/9F (MG)- 64/2019 dated 14.12.2020 submitting above subject proposal for consideration and approval of Government of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 and to say that the above proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 27.01.2021. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 27.01.2021 are hosted on the website of this Ministry:- www.forestclearance.nic.in.

The FAC, after thorough deliberation and discussion with PCCF/Nodal Officer Odisha and IRO Bhubaneswar, observed that the State Government vide its communication no. 21809/9F (MG)- 64/2019 dated 14.12.2020 has informed that the total forest area within 1064.402 ha (total approved mining plan area) is 273.288 ha. Whereas on perusal of other data related to area as confirmed by the Regional Officer the forest area is reported to be 349.434 ha. Accordingly, FAC deferred the proposal seeking clarity on discrepancies in the area, from the State Government.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to clarify on discrepancies in the area, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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