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То	Memo No. <u>599</u> /5F-FC-10/2025 dated 31 - 1.25
	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act) O/o. the Principal Chief Conservation of Forests & HoFF, Odisha.
Sub: -	Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central government under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, for diversion of 44.64 ha Forest land and 13.09 ha of Lookalike Forest(Total 57.73 ha) for Coal Mining at Bharatpur Open Cast Expansion Project at Bharatpur Area of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited –
Ref -	Submission of Compliance Report.

Ref: - Your Memo No 24661/9F (MG)-445/2024 dated 06.12.2024.

In inviting a reference to the memo cited above on the subject this is to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division vide his Memo No.504 dated 18.01.2025 (**Copy enclosed**) has submitted point-wise compliance on the observation made vide your memo under reference. The point-wise compliance is furnished below :-

Observation 1.	The User Agency has not appended the KML file of proposed Forest land to be diverted.
Compliance	In response to this observation, the KML file of proposed forest land to be diverted is enclosed in a pen-drive .
Observation 2.	The User Agency has not furnished the detailed Land schedule of Non- Forest Govt. and Private land duly authenticated by the Revenue and Forest officials.
Compliance	In response to this observation, the detailed land schedule of Govt. non-forest and Private land, duly authenticated by the Revenue and Forest officials is enclosed herewith as Annexure-I.
Observation 3.	The User Agency has submitted the proposal for diversion of Forest land in village Danara, Solada and Prasannagar where as the above 3 nos. of villages are not notified by the Ministry of Coal, New Delhi the 11 th March 2014 in respect of Kalinga East Block, Bharatpur Expansion OCP. It needs clarification.
Compliance	In response to this observation, the DFO, Angul Division has reported that the complete villages Solada and Prasannagar have been applied under CBA (A& D) Act, 1957 by Hingula Area, MCL under Konark Coal Block. The acquisition of the above villages have been notified by the Ministry of Coal, GoI, New Delhi, vide Reference No. S.O.2638, dated 15 th September 2009 (Copy enclosed as Annexure- II). In respect of the village Danara, this is to state that part of the agricultural land of the village has been acquired under LA Act, 1884 by Hingula Area, MCL and part of agricultural land of village has been acquired by Bharatpur Area (Copy enclosed as Annexure-III).

Observation 4.

The Serial No. 25 of the Tree Enumeration list mentioned by the DFO, Angul Division in Part-II Item No.4(ii) needs to be corrected and mention the total tree enumerated 2997 nos. Further the DFO, Angul Division in the same item that the total estimated trees over entire Revenue Forest and looks like Forest is 12297 nos. (approx.), so it needs clarification.

Compliance

In response to this observation, as reported by the DFO, Angul Division, the actual trees involved in this project are 20564 Nos. (Revenue Forest and Looks like Forest is 12297 + Govt. Non-forest land is 5270 + Notified Forest Land is 2997). The details of tree enumeration report duly certified by the all concerned are enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

Observation 5.

The tree enumeration done in sample plot method, but the area of sample plot, the total no. of the sample plot and tree enumeration list of each sample plot has not been furnished. So, the same needs to be furnished both for Forest and non- forest Govt. land separately duly authenticated by the Revenue and Forest officials.

Compliance

In response to this observation, the User Agency has submitted the tree enumeration report along with abstract is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-IV**.

Observation 6.

Compliance

Observation 7.

Compliance

Observation 8.

Compliance

In Item No. F of Form-A Part-I, the user Agency has mentioned that 1024 nos. of families will be displaced out of which, 156 nos. Sc, 22 nos. ST and 846 nos. other families whereas the DFO, Angul Division remarked not applicable in Item No. 14(R&R Plan) of Site Inspection Report. So, it needs clarification.

As reported by the DFO, Angul Division that the User Agency has intimated that due to non-availability of suitable land for development of R &R Site neither with MCL, nor with District authority, the Project displaced family are being offered cash compensation in lieu of resettlement plot for self relocation of the Project displaced Family. It is to state that employment benefits or cash compensation are in lieu of the eligible beneficiaries of land oustees by MCL as [per the Odisha R & R policy. Therefore, it is clarified that no specific R & R Plan has been prepared.

The DSS Analysis report of CA land has not been signed by the DFO, Angul Division.

In response to this observation, the DSS Analysis report of CA land certified by the DFO, Dhenkanal Division is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

The identified CA land has not been depicted in the Govt. of India Toposheet.

In response to this observation, the User Agency has submitted the Toposheet depicting the CA land which is enclosed as **Annexure-VI**.

Observation 9. The DFO, Angul Division has submitted the CA Scheme against the diversion of 57.18 ha is not correct, it is 57.73 ha. Accordingly, the CA Scheme will be prepared. Compliance In response to this observation, the revised CA scheme is enclosed as Annexure-VII. Observation 10. The Cost Benefit Analysis has been done by excluding 13.09 ha of look like forest. But the area is to be included in CB Analysis report. Compliance In response to this observation, the User Agency has submitted the revised Cost Benefit Analysis which is enclosed as Annexure-VIII. Observation 11. The Safety Zone map is not enclosed. Compliance In response to this observation, the User Agency has submitted the Safety Zone Map which is enclosed as Annexure-IX. Observation 12. The proposed land use plan is to be submitted by giving the details of forest land to be used for different item of works. Compliance In response to this observation, the User Agency has submitted the proposed land use plan which is enclosed as Annexure-X.

In view of the above compliance, the Annexures submitted by the DFO, Angul Division is forwarded herewith in triplicate for favour of information and necessary action. Encl: - As above.

> Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul

Memo No. <u>600</u>. / Dated. 31 - 1.25 Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 504 dated 18.01/2025.

> Regional Chief Conservator of Forests Angul.

Memo No. <u>601</u> / Dated. 31-1.25 Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal Division for information and necessary action.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests

Memo No. <u>602</u> / Dated. 31-1.25 Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Hingula Area, At/PO- Danara Talcher, Angul-759148 for information and necessary action.

> Regional Chief Conservator of Forests Angul.