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Memo No. 1/18 /5F-FC-10/2025 dated 4.3.25

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act) O/o. the Principal Chief Conservation of Forests & HoFF, Odisha.

Sub: -

To

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 – Submission of Compliance Report.

Ref: - Your Memo No 3007/9F (MG)-445/2024 dated 06.02.2025 P-98

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.1654 dated 18.02.2025 (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.

In compliance to observation No. 2, Annexure-I is wanting which is related to the detailed land scheduled of non-forest Govt. and private land duly authenticated by the concerned authorities.

Compliance

In response to this observation, the detailed land schedules of nonforest Govt. and private land duly authenticated by Revenue officials and Forest officials has been submitted to your good office as **Annexure-I** (Booklet) vide this office memo No.599 dated 31.01.2025.

Observation 2.

In compliance to observation No.3, the acquisition area of the villages Solada and Prasnnagar has been notified by the Ministry of Coal Govt. of India, New Delhi vide reference No.S.O.2638 dated 15.09.2009 which has been enclosed in Annexure-II but it says a copy of notification under section 4(1) of CBA A&D Act, 1957 in related to Konark Block issued vide S.O. No. 2670 dated 15.10.2000. Please provide the exact notification. Further, the plot Nos. 3465, 3482 and 3486 of Danara village involves in the proposed project are not found in the notification of part acquisition of agricultural land under LA Act, 1884, by Hingula Area (MCL) and part of agricultural land by Bharatpur Open Cast Project. Please comply.

Compliance

Observation 3.

In response to this observation, the user agency has submitted the. Notifications notified by Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India, New Delhi under section 4(1), 7(1),9(1) & 11(1) for acquisition area of the villages Solada and Prasannagar. Kindly consider the notifications under section 9(1) & 11(1) and ignore all other notifications (4(1) & 7(1)) which are not required. As regard to plot nos. 3465, 3482 and 3486 of Danara village, the user agency has been acquired the above land against the diversion of 134.41 ha forest land vide Stage-II approval order No. F. No. 8-87/2012-FC dated 07.02.20214 of MoEF & CC .The copy of land schedule is enclosed as Annexure-II.

In compliance to the observation No.5, the UA has furnished an area of sample plots over 6.01 ha out of 27.07 ha and sample plots over 14.79 ha out of 154.84 ha in respect of forest and non-forest land respectively but no. of sample plots and size of sample plots for both forest and non forest have not been complied. However as per guidelines issued vide memo No. 23746/9FMisc. -153/2001 dated 03.01.2001 of PCCF, Odisha sample enumeration of tree growth will be conducted with 30% minimum of 10.0 ha by taking sample plot size 1ha(100 mtrs x 100 mtrs) where area involves 11.0 ha to 50.0 ha & 20% minimum of 25 ha for area involves 101.0 to 200.0 ha .So the UA may be asked to comply.

In this connection the DFO, Angul Division has reported that the user agency has intimated that the local people were not co-operating with the UA during the tree enumeration work and also attempted many times. The UA has conducted meeting to resolve the issues but they were opposing for the tree enumeration process for illegal demands. After so many efforts they had completed the entire process successfully.

In compliance to the observation No.9, the CA scheme has been prepared over an area of 115.951 ha in degraded forest land but in the cover copy of CA scheme and land suitability certificate it is mentioned that CA scheme has been prepared against forest diversion of 57.18 ha for mining purpose and 0.36 ha for safety zone. Please justify from which source 57.18 was derived.

In response to this observation, the CA scheme has been prepared over an area of 115.981 ha in degraded forest land identified in Dhenkanal Division but in the cover page of CA scheme and land suitability certificate it was mentioned that CA scheme has been prepared against forest diversion of 57.18 ha which was typographical mistake. The actual correct figure is 57.73 ha but not 57.18 ha. The corrected CA scheme is attached herewith as Annexure-III.

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Observation 4.

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Observation 5.

In compliance to the observation No.12, the UA has submitted the proposed land use plan but the details of the forest land to be used for different item of work has not been furnished in the said plan. Please comply.

Compliance

In response to this observation, the user agency has uploaded the proposed land use plan in 'Parivesh Portal' at Part-II, item no. 13 under "Additional Information Detail" head. The details of the forest land has been demarcated in green colour. Moreover, as per the user agency the proposed forest land will be used only for mining purpose for extraction of coal only.

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

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Memo No. _____/ Dated. 4.3.25 Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 1654 dated 18.02.2025.

> Regional Chief Conservator of Forests Angul

Memo No. 1120 / Dated. 4. 3.25

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal Division for information and necessary action.

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Memo No. 1121 / Dated. 4.3.25

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Hingula Area, At/PO- Danara Talcher, Angul-759148 for information and necessary action.