

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; ANGUL DIVISION: ANGUL.

Memo No. 1654 /DRP/2023/Dated. 18.02.2025

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Angul Circle, Angul.

Sub: - Proposal for seeking approval of the Central Government under Section- 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 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 Coalfield Limited.

: - Submission of compliance report.

Ref: - 1. Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/153736/2022.
2. Memo No. 3008 dt. 06.02.2025 of PCCF, Nodal.
3. Memo No.774/5F-FC-10/2025 dated 11.02.2025 of RCCF, Angul.
4. Letter No. 1480 dt. 15.02.2025 of G.M, Bharatpur Area.

With reference to the aforementioned memo on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, has communicated few shortcomings/observations vide their memo No. 3008 dated 06.02.2025.

In response to these observations, the user agency, G.M. Bharatpur Area, was duly notified to submit a point-wise compliance report along with all connected documents.

Now, the User Agency, i.e., G.M. Bharatpur Area, has submitted the point-wise compliance report vide their letter No. 1480 dated 15.02.2025. The details are given below.

Sl No.	Observations/Shortcomings	Compliance Report
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.	In response to this observation, the detailed land schedules of non-forest Govt. and private land duly authenticated by the concerned authorities has been submitted to your good office as Annexure-I vide memo No. 599 dt. 31.01.2025 of RCCF, Angul. The copy of the aforementioned memo received on dt. 01.02.2025 is enclosed herewith for your reference.
2	In compliance to observation No. 3, the acquisition area of the villages Solada and Prasannagar have been notified by the Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide Ref. No.S.O.2638 dt.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 is related to Konark Block issued vide S.O.No.2670 dt. 15.10.2000. Please provide the exact	In response to this observation, the user agency i.e. G.M, Bharatpur Area has submitted the notifications, notified by Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India, New Delhi under section 4(1), 7(1), 9(1) and 11(11) for acquisition area of the villages Solada and Prasannagar. Kindly consider the notifications under section 9(1) and 11(1), ignore all other notifications which are not required. As regard to plots No. 3465, 3482 and 3486 of Danara village, the user agency has been acquired

	notification. Further, the plots No. 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.	the above land against the diversion of 134.41 ha forest land vide Stage-II approval Order No. F. No.8-87/2012-FC dt. 07.02.2014 of MoEF & CC. The copy Stage-II approval order is enclosed as Annexure-II .
3	In compliance to 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 number 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.23746/9F Misc-153/2001 dt.03.11.2001 of PCCF, Odisha sample enumeration of tree growth will be conducted with 30% minimum of 10.00 Ha by taking sample plot size 1 Ha (100mtrs x 100mtrs) 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 response to this observation, the user agency has intimated the local people were not cooperating with us during the tree enumeration work. We had attempted many times. Also conducted meeting for resolve the issues, but they were opposing for tree enumeration process for illegal demands. After so many efforts we had completed the entire process successfully.
4	In compliance to 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 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 a typographical mistake. The actual correct figure is 57.73 Ha not 57.18 Ha. The corrected CA scheme is attached herewith as Annexure-III .
5	In compliance to observation No. 12, the UA has submitted the proposed land use plan but the details of the forest land to be used for different items of work has not been furnished in the said plan. Please comply.	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 Details" head. The details of the forest land has demarcated in green color. Moreover, as per the user agency, the proposed forest land will be used only for mining purpose for extraction of coal only.

Hence, the compliance reports along with all connected documents received from the user agency i.e. G.M, Bharatpur area is enclosed herewith in four sets each for your kind information and necessary action

Encl: - As above.

Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Division

Memo No. 1655 / Dated. 18.02.2025

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal for information and necessary action with reference to your Memo No. 774 dt. 11.12.2025 of PCCF, Nodal O/o the PCCF& HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.


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Angul Division

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Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer FC Act O/O the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to your Memo No. 774 dt. 11.12.2025 of PCCF, Nodal O/o the PCCF& HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.


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Memo No. 1657 / Dated. 18.02.2025

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Bhartpur Area, for information and necessary action with reference to your letter No. under reference (3).


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