

**STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS**  
**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,**  
**BHUBANESWAR**

No. / 9F (MG) - 64/2019  
Dated, Bhubaneswar the August, 2021

To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests,  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
(Forest Conservation Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110510.

**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-Clarification to the observations of FAC dated 27.01.2021 regarding.**

Ref:- GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi Letter F.No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 01.03.2021.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the letter cited above on the captioned subject, clarification on the FAC observations dated 27.01.2021 of Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi basing on the report of DFO, Sundargarh and RCCF, Rourkela Circle is furnished as under:-

1. The total area as approved in Mining Plan (Rev-II) is 1064.402 ha. Out of which, forest land is 273.288 ha.
2. The total forest land requirement for Manoharpur Coal block (already diverted + applied) is 273.244 ha as detailed in the table below. The total forest land proposed in the application is well within the total forest land approved in mine plan (Rev-II).

Sl No.	Forest land as per Revenue Records	Area (in ha)	Status
1	Forest land diverted vide Stage-II order F. No.8-63/2011-FC dated 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2014 and transferred to OCPL vide order dated 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	200.465	Diverted
2	Forest Land transferred from OPGC vide MoEF & CC Regional Office, Bhubaneswar Letter No.5-ORA155/2012-BHU dated 17 October 2017	57.078	Diverted
3	Current Proposal	15.701	Applied
	<b>Total Forest Land (as per FDP):</b>	<b>273.244</b>	







3. Diversion of Forest land for Manoharpur Coal block was applied for 200.465 Ha. After due consideration of observations & recommendations, an area of **76.19 ha non forest Govt. land was treated as Forest as per dictionary meaning** was added by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India. Subsequently, Stage-I (F. No.8-63/2011-FC dated 17th October 2012) & Stage-II clearance (F. No.8-63/2011-FC dated 20th August 2014) issued over a total land area of 276.655 ha (200.465 ha forest land as per revenue records + 76.19 ha treated forest land).

The discrepancy/ confusion is due to this 76.19 ha of non-forest Govt. land which was treated as Forest as per dictionary meaning. This land was not forest as per revenue records and hence not a part of mine plan. However, considering the earlier approvals, the total forest land for Manoharpur coal mine project is 349.434 ha (including 76.19 ha of non-forest Govt. land treated as Forest as per dictionary meaning).

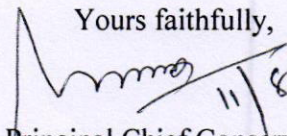
Sl No.	Particulars	Area (in Ha.)
1	Total Forest Land described in above table	273.244
2	Non-forest Govt. land treated as Forest as per dictionary meaning (Stage-II order F. No.8-63/2011-FC, dated 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2014) & transferred subsequently to OCPL dated 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015.	76.190
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>349.434</b>

A copy of Letter No. OCPL/Forest/242 dated 30.03.2021 of Addl. General Manager(Mines), M/s OCPL addressed to the DFO, Sundargarh division and others is enclosed herewith for kind reference.

In view of the above, the clarifications on the FAC observations dated 27.01.2021 of Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi is sent herewith for kind consideration and according Stage-I approval 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)

**Encl: As above in one set**

Yours faithfully,

  
11/8/2021  
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act



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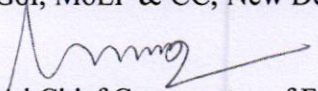


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Copy along with the enclosure forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for information and necessary with reference to GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi Letter F.No. 8-63/2011FC dated 01.03.2021.

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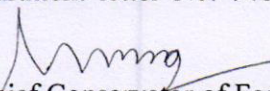
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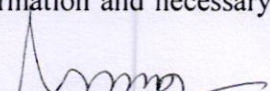
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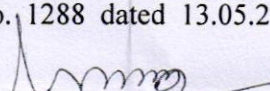
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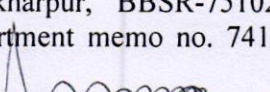
Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to memo no. 1288 dated 13.05.2021 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

  
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CIN U10100OR2015SGC018623

Website: [www.ocpl.org.in](http://www.ocpl.org.in)

Letter No: OCPL/Forest/242

Date: 30/03/2021

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Sundargarh Forest Division,  
Sundargarh, Odisha.

**Sub:** Proposal seeking prior approval of the central Govt. under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 15.701Ha of revenue forest land in the villages of Dulanga, Ghumudasan and Manoharpur under Hemgir 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.

- **Clarification to observations of FAC, dated 27.01.2021.**

**Ref:** 1. Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi Letter F.No.8-63/2011-FC (Vol.), dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.  
2. Your letter no. 1532/ 4F (Misc)/ 2021, dated 30/03/2021.

Sir,

This is with reference to your letter & the subject cited above w.r.t. the observations of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 27.01.2021 seeking clarification over forest land details of Diversion proposal. The details of land area may be read as following.

1. The total area as approved in Mining Plan (Rev-II) is 1064.402Ha. Out of which, forest land component is 273.288Ha.
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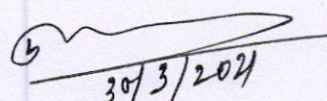
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With the above clarifications, we request your good office to kindly take up the matter with Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

With sincere Regards.

For Odisha Coal & Power Ltd.

  
30/3/2021  
Addl. Gen. Manager (Mines)

Encl. Compliance in Six copies.

Cc:

1. PCCF- Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act, Office of the PCCF- Odisha in compliance to his memo no. 6657, dated 24/03/2021.
2. RCCF, Rourkela- For kind information & necessary action please.
3. CEO-OCPL



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