

STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF PLOT NO.GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR BHUBANESWAR-751023

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Memo No. 3007 Dated, Bhubaneswar, the OC HA February'2025

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To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests. Angul Circle

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 57.73 ha of forest land (44.64 ha forest land + 13.09 ha of look alike forest) for coal mining at Bharatpur Open Cast Expansion Project at Bharatpur Area of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited (MCL) under Angul Forest Division (Proposal No. FP/ OR/ MIN/ 153736/2022) (State Sl. No.OR-060/2022 dt. 05.12.2022)

Ref: Your Memo No.599/5F-FC-10/2025 dated.31.01.2025

In inviting a reference to the aforesaid subject cited above, it is to inform that while scrutinizing the compliance submitted by your good office the letter under reference, the following shortcomings are noticed which needs to be complied.

- 1. In compliance to the 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.
- 2. In compliance to the observation No.3, the acquisition area of the villages Solanda and Prasannagar has 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 in related to Konark Block issued vide S.O.No.2670 dt.15.10.2000. Please provide the exact 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.

3. 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.23746/9F Misc- 153/2001 dt.03.11.2001 of PCCF, Odisha sample enumeration of tree growth will be conducted with 30% minimum of 10.0 ha by taking sample plot size 1 ha (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 200.0ha. So the UA may be asked to comply.

- 4. 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.
- 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.

In view of the above, you are requested to furnish the above required information at an earliest for taking further course of action at this end.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 3008

/Dt. 06-02.2025

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Angul Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.600 dated 31.01.2025 of the RCCF, Angul Circle.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 3009

/Dt. 06-02.2025

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Dhenkanal Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.601 dated 31.01.2025 of the RCCF, Angul Circle.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 3010

/Dt. 06,02,2025

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Hingula Area, At/Po-Danara, Talcher, Angul-759148 for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.602 dated 31.01.2025 of the RCCF, Angul Circle.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)