

# SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ANGUL

1	Name of the Project	Proposal for diversion of 193.845 ha of Forest Land for Balaram Open Cast Coal Mining Project of Hingula Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL)				
2	Name of the district / division	Angul/ Angul Forest Division.				
3	Date of Inspection	30.12.2022.				
4	Name & designation of the Inspecting Officer	M. Yogajayanand, IFS Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul .				
5	Name & designation of the other Officers who attended the inspection including representatives of the User Agency.	1. Vivek Kumar, IFS, DFO, Angul Forest Division. 2. Smt. Sukanti Dei, Range Officer, Talcher 3. Smt. Pritirekha Dehury, Forester, Dera Section. 4. Sri A.K.Swarnakar, GM, Hingula Area, MCL 5. Sri S.V.Joshi, Project Officer, Balaram OCP, MCL 6. Sri M.L. Samad, Staff Officer (Project Planning), MCL 7. Sri Praveen Pintu, Staff Officer, Environment, MCL.				
6	Legal status of forest land with area proposed for diversion		Reserved Forest	149.620 ha.		
			Revenue Forest	0.129 ha.		
			DLC Forest	44.096 ha		
			<b>Total</b>	<b>193.845 ha</b>		
7	If area required for diversion has been demarcated on the ground.	Yes, the area has been demarcated on the ground.				
8	Item-wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion.	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Reserv ed Forest</b>	<b>Revenue Forest</b>	<b>DLC Forest</b>	<b>Total</b>
		Mining Excavation	148.54	0.053	38.556	187.149
		Safety Zone	1.080	0	0.387	1.467
		Infrastructure	0	0.077	5.152	5.229
		<b>Total</b>	<b>149.62</b>	<b>0.130</b>	<b>44.095</b>	<b>193.845</b>
9	Condition of vegetation and type of forest in applied area.	Tropical Moist Deciduous Forest. Open Forest Eco-Class-III				
10	Position of Wildlife in general.	As reported by the DFO in his site inspection report, Wild Boar, Barking Deer, Indian Hare, Langur & Jackal and birds like, Indian Peafowl, Blue jay, Egret, Kingfisher & Drongo are found in the area.				
11	Whether the applied area is involved with any eco-sensitive Zone/ National Park/ Sanctuary.	No.				
12	No. of trees to be felled and its impact on the systems.	Total 5439 nos. of trees have been enumerated. (5256 nos. in Reserved Forest + 183 nos. in Revenue Forests) and Bamboo Clump- 473498 nos. in Reserved Forest. Tree enumeration list has been enclosed in the DP.				
13	Details of broken area and reclamation done if any.	No				



14	Position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation, if any.	3715 nos. of families to be displaced from the project but no displacement in Forest area.
15	Position of rare and endangered species available and importance of area from eco-social point of view.	No
16	Non forest land used in the project and non forest land selected for Compensatory Afforestation is included in the D.L.C. report or not.	Non-forest land used in the project has not been included in the DLC report. Degraded Forest Land has been identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation in Dhenkanal Division.
17	Suitability of the identified non-forest area for compensatory afforestation.	The Suitability Certificate has been furnished in the CA scheme.
18	Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, if any and action taken thereof.	No violation is noticed during site inspection.

  
 Regional Chief Conservator of forests,  
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