



MCL/GM/BA/2019/ **ES-45-A/302**

Date:10.10.2019

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Forest Division,
Sundargarh.

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 29.41ha. of forest land (20.89 ha fresh forest land and 8.52 ha of forest land for re-diversion out of already diverted forest area of 227.89 ha of Kulda OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (Proposal No. FP/OR/IND/16495/2015)


Dear Sir,

The proposal towards seeking clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India for diversion of 72.68 Ac. or 29.41 Ha of forest land for Basundhara Washery (Non-coking coal) Kulda, of Basundhara Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited has already been approved Stage-I Forestry Clearance vide Ref.no. 8-176/1997-FC dt. 11.03.2019.

Further, while online payment of NPV and other statutory payments, it was observed that due to an EDS raised in April 2018 vide Memo no.1103/3F(Misc)324/2018 dt. 26.04.2018 by RCCF Rourkela and further conveyed vide your Ltr no. 6523/4F/(Misc)-2019 dt. 19.09.2019, it is unable to carry out the transactions for NPV Payment.

It is further to state that the compliance to the EDS raised has already been submitted by us vide our Ltr.no. MCL/GM/BA/ENVT/2018-19/ES-86/158 dt. 28.07.2019 against which the proposal has already been granted by FAC and accordingly Stage-I approval has been issued by MoEF&CC, GOI. A copy of the same is however been enclosed herewith for necessary onward submission,

Yours,faithfully,


General Manager
Basundhara Area, MCL

Ref.No.MCL/GM/BA/ENVT/2018-19/ **ES-86/158**

Date: 28.07.2018.

To,
The Divisional Forest Officer
Sundargarh Forest Division
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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 29.41 ha of forest land (29.89 ha fresh land and 8.52 ha of forest land for re-diversion out of already diverted forest area of 227.89 ha of Kulda OCP of Mahanadi coal fields Ltd) in Sundergarh Division of Sundergarh Dist, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10MTY) by Mahanadi Coal fields Limited.

Ref: No. 1) 8-17/1997-FC dated 28th March 2017 from Assistant Inspector General of Forests, MoEF&CC Govt of India, New Delhi.
2) 5277 / 4F(Misc) / 2018 dated : 06.07.2018 of DFO Sundargarh Division.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above, I am to furnish the information for the comments made in the FAC meeting held on 28th February, 2017 and your letter referred above.

1. The layout of proposed washery shall be changed to the extent that the patch of forest coming under proposed land for diversion could be avoided.

In compliance to the above, it is to be noted that the proposed washery is linked to Kulda OCP and lies adjacent to the mine. The choice of the site is mainly influenced by the location of the mine, the railway line and the availability of water from Basundhara (E) Quarry. In the proposal the total forest land requested for diversion to establish coal washery & Coal Corridor is 43.90 ha. The area of the patch of Forest which has been asked by FAC to be avoided is only 3.02 Ha which is Revenue Forest land. The total Count of trees in the complete Washery and coal corridor area including forest and Non-Forest land is 958 nos. where in, total trees in the patch, in question are only 109 nos.. Again, It is to be noted here that as per the plan of action from the said patch, the total trees to be removed for the construction of Conveyor Belt line is 06 nos and the trees expected to be cut for construction of road is 22 nos, which is very minimal.

Further, as per master plan of Basundhara area, adjacent to the current proposed Basundhara washery, Coal Washerries for Siarmal OCP to the tune of 40 MTY and Garjanbahal OCP to the tune of 10 MTY is to come up in the near future for which

acquisition of land is already in progress. The Master Plan of Basundhara Area showing all the mines and rail infrastructure is attached herewith in Annexure "A" for reference.

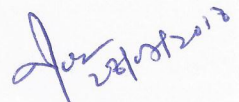
Hence, the location of Basundhara Washery if changed towards the left will cover more quantum forest area than the existing location and further it cannot be changed towards the west due to the fact that other Coal Washeries are planned to be set up in the near future.

2. CA site shall be revised.


The Compensatory afforestation area (REGEDAKHOL RF of Gopalpur Division) which was selected by the state government and allotted to Mahanadi Coalfields Limited as per the guidelines under FC Act 1980, for the area to be diverted for establishment of Coal Washery can only accommodate $58.82 \text{ ha} \times 200 \text{ seedlings} = 11764 \text{ seedlings}$ and as the FAC indicates towards planting of 1000 nos. of seedlings per ha for 20.89 ha of fresh forest land to be diverted, the degraded forest land which has been verified by DSS verification to accommodate the balance ($20890 - 11764 = 9126 \text{ nos.}$) of seedlings, is available at Singaribahal RF of Hemgir range. The DGPS survey of the forest patch has also been carried out by ORSAC and the same has been attached herewith in Annexure "B". Patch "B" as shown in the DGPS plan comprising of 51.194 Ha can be utilized for accommodating the additional 9126 nos. of seedlings.

I would request that the comments may kindly be forwarded to the state Government for further transmission to MoEF&CC for process for stage I approval of the project.

Yours faithfully



General Manager

 Basundhara Area

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- RCCF, Rourkela.
- APCCF, Nodal Bhubaneswar.
- Principal Secretary to Government of Odisha.