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MAHANADI COALFIELDS LIMITED (A Government of India Enterprise)

Ref. No. MCL/GM/HA//Envt./2023-24/23

Dated- 21.01.2024

To,
The DFO,
Angul Division

Sub : Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited, for non-forestry use of 193.845 ha of forest land within Mining Lease area over 1265.00 ha of Balaram Open Cast expansion (15 MTY) Coal Block of MCL under Forest Division and District Angul of Odisha State (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/ 59166/2020)

Ref no. - Your Memo No. 593/DRP/2023/dtd 18.01.2024

With reference to the above cited subject and letter the point wise reply to the raised shortcomings are as follows:

i. In context of observation point No. (iv) You have submitted the site inspection report of Sri A.T. Mishra, Dy. Director General of Forests, Central. Necessary point wise compliance report of earlier approved area of 85.201 ha vide Ministry's letter dt. 28.09.1990 for Kalinga OCP (Now Balaram OCP) Coal mining needs to be submitted.

Report on Monitoring of stipulated conditions in Stage II approval granted for diversion of 85.201 Ha forest land for Kalinga OCP (Now Balaram OCP) by Sri A.T. Mishra, Dy. Director General of Forests, Central vide Letter No. 8-72/FCE dated 16.01.2024 is attached as **Annexure I**. Point wise compliance report of earlier approved area of 85.201 ha vide Ministry's letter dt. 28.09.1990 for Kalinga OCP which was submitted on 02.03.2023 is attached as **Annexure II**.

ii. In context of observation point No. (v) You are requested to deposit towards the cost of NPV for earlier amount of Rs 10,46,77,097/- approved area of 85.201 ha vide Ministry's letter dt. 28.09.1990 for Kalinga OCP (Now Balram OCP) Coal mining demand letter has been sent vide this office letter No. 580 dt. 16.01.2024.

Undertaking to deposit the cost of NPV amounting to Rs 10,46,77,097/- for earlier diverted area of 85.201 ha vide Ministry's letter dt. 28.09.1990 for Kalinga OCP (Now Balram OCP) has been attached as **Annexure III**.

iii. In context of observation point No. (vi) It has been noticed that decade plantation are more than two decade old. You are requested to submit the details of non-forest land to be mutated in favour of Forest Department before and after Stage-II separately.

Balram OCP has already given a proposal stating that within 10 years from grant of forest clearance, Balram OCP will hand over non-forest afforested land equivalent to the forest area proposed for diversion i.e. 193.845 Ha. in MCL mines area of Odisha. Balram OCP has furnished an undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Angul wherein it was undertaken



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to hand over the exact extent of afforested non-forest land against the proposed forest land for diversion within 10 years of getting Stage- II approval of the applied project. The details of the non forest land to be handed over in favor of Forest Department before and after Stage II (**Plan Attached as Annexure – IV**) is as follows:

Before Stage -II	20.8 Ha
After Stage -II	173.045 Ha
Year	Area (Ha)
1 st	10.000
2 nd	10.000
3 rd	10.000
4 th	14.000
5 th	14.000
6 th	17.200
7 th	20.000
8 th	25.000
9 th	25.000
10 th	27.845
Total	193.845 Ha

Submitted for necessary action please.

Yours Faithfully

General Manager
Hingula Area, MCL

21-01-24

Copy to:

1. PCCF, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer FC Act O/O the PCCF Odisha, Bhubaneshwar
2. RCCF, Angul



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No.8-72/FCE

16th January, 2024

To

The Addl. Director General of Forests (FC),
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi - 110 003.

Sub: Monitoring of stipulated conditions in Stage-II approval granted for diversion of 85.01 ha of forest land for Kalinga OCP of M/s MCL.

Ref: Ministry's letter No.8-143/89-FC dated 28.09.1990.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to inform that compliance of some of the conditions stipulated in the above project was monitored by the undersigned. The monitoring report is attached herewith for favour of kind information.

Yours faithfully,

(A.T. Mishra)

Dy. Director General of Forests (C)

Encl: As state above.

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Angul/Rourkela Forest Division, Angul/Rourkela, Odisha.

Dy. Director General of Forests (C)

**MONITORING OF THE ACTION ON STIPULATED CONDITIONS IN CASE OF
PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE GOVT. OF INDIA UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE
FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980.**

PART-I
(GENERAL PARTICULARS)

1. Name/purpose of the proposal : Diversion of 85.01 ha of forest land for Kalinga Opencast Coal mining project in Dhenkanal District.
2. No. and date of Govt. of India's letter according permission : 8-143/89-FC dated 28.09.1990
3. Area permitted to be diverted (In ha) : 85.01 ha
4. District and Forest Division : Angul Forest Division, Angul
- 5.
6. Area actually diverted(in ha) : 85.01 ha

PART-II
(DETAILS OF COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION)

As reported by DFO, Rourkela Forest Division C.A. was raised in the identified 85.01 ha non-forest land in Harapalli village under Sundargarh District in lieu of diversion of 85.01 ha of forest land for Balaram Opencast expansion project 8.0 MTY (earlier known as Kalinga OCP) between 1991 to 1995. The current land schedule of CA land obtained from Tahasildar, Panposh at Kurmunda along with survival percent as received from Range Officer, Kuarmunda are furnished below:

Sl. No.	Name of village	Holding No.	Plot No.	Kisaam	Area in Acre	Area in Ha	Survival percentage	Expenditure incurred
1	Harapalli	64/1	39	Dunguri	66.58	26.94	64 %	Not available with DFO, Rourkela & may be obtained from DFO, Sundargarh
2			125	Pahada	50.59	20.47	83 %	
3			121	Dunguri	8.56	3.46	72 %	
4			473	Pahad	61.08	24.72	89 %	
5			468/930	Dunguri	25.71	10.40	91 %	
					212.52	85.99		

Forest clearance for the said project was accorded vide Ministry's letter No.8-143/89-FC dated 28.09.1990 and Condition No.(ii) states that:

"Compensatory plantation to be raised over equivalent non-forest land at the cost of the project. The non-forest land identified for the purpose should be handed over to the Forest Department and notified as Protected Forest before release of forest land being diverted by the so order."

However, as per the land schedule furnished by the Tahasildar, Panposh at Kuarmunda it is evident that the kisaam of the land is still non-forest and no notification declaration the said land as Protected was made available. It appears that the said non-forest land has not yet been declared as Protected Forest.

PART-IV
(RECLAMATION OF THE AREA WORKED UNDER MINING/QUARRYING)

The user agency has reported that 175.17 ha has been technically reclaimed and 89.02 ha of internal dump & 26.52 ha of external dump have been biologically reclaimed as on 31.03.2023.

PART-V
(CONDITIONS STIPULATED BY THE GOVT. OF INDIA
OTHER THAN MENTIONED ABOVE)

1. The Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

Complied.
2. Compensatory plantation to be raised over equivalent non-forest land at the cost of the project. The non-forest land identified for the purpose should be handed over to the Forest Department and notified as Protected Forest before release of forest land being diverted by these order.

As reported in Part-II above.

Compensatory afforestation has been done.

PF Notification has not been done by the State Govt. till date in respect of above non-forest land.
3. Mined over are to be reclaimed/restored after mining/quarrying is over.

As reported in Part-IV above.
4. In order that the construction labour and staff while working on the project in the forest area may not cause destruction to the forest area for meeting their fuelwood needs, the user agency will establish fuelwood depots and will provide the fuelwood to them free of cost.

Reported to be complied.
5. Arrangements to be made by the project authorities for free supply of fuelwood or other sources of energy to the staff and labourers engaged in the project free of cost.

Reported to be complied.
6. No explosive should be allowed to be stored in the forest area.

Reported to be complied.
7. The conditions/safeguards proposed by the Environment wing of this Ministry while clearing the project, to be followed rigidly.

It will be monitored by the Environment wing of the Ministry separately.

PART - VI
CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE STATE GOVT. IN ADDITION TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA'S
CONDITIONS AND OTHER STEPS TAKEN TO PRESERVE FOREST, WILDLIFE AND
PREVENT SOIL EROSION ETC.)


No further condition has been imposed.

PART-VII
(MONITORING)

1. Whether any committee has been formed for : No.
monitoring of the action on conditions stipulated.
2. If no, give reasons. If yes, give details of the : Not known.
committee.
3. Reports of the Monitoring Committee, if any. : Nil.

PART-VIII

1. Abstract reports of inspection of Forest Officers, : Not available
if any.
2. Remarks of the inspecting officer in regard to : PF Notification in respect of non-forest
progress of the action on stipulated conditions. land identified for CA shall be done by
Effect of the project on forest and wildlife. the State Govt. and intimated to
Regional Office at the earliest.


(A. T. Mishra)
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दिनांक: 02.03.2023

To
The Divisional Forest Officer,
Angul Division, Dist: Angul

Sub: Balram OCP Forest Clearance Compliance Report as on 21.01.2023

Ref: Forest clearance vide letter no. 8-143/89-C & Sept 28 1990 from GOI, MoEF & CC


Dear Sir,

With reference to the above cited letter on the subject, the point wise compliance of forest clearance approval order imposed by GOI, MoEF & CC of the above diversion proposal is furnished below:

No	Condition	Compliance
1.	Legal status of forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.	Furnished as Annexure - I
2.	Compensatory plantation to be raised over equivalent non-forest land at the cost of the project .The non-forest land identified for this purpose should be handed over to the forest Deptt. and notified as protected forest before the release of forest lands being diverted by these orders.	Furnished as Annexure - II
3.	Mined over area to be reclaimed /restored after mining quarrying is over.	Furnished as Annexure - III
4.	In order that the construction labour and staff while working on the project in the forest area may not cause destruction to the forest area for meeting their fuel wood needs, the user agency will establish fuel wood depots, and will provide the fuel wood to them free of cost.	Furnished as Annexure - IV
5.	Arrangements to be made by the project authorities for free supply of fuel wood or other sources of energy to the staff and labourers engaged in the project free of cost.	Furnished as Annexure - V
6.	No explosives should be allowed to be stored in the forest area.	Furnished as Annexure - VI
7.	The conditions/safeguards proposed by the Environment Wing of the Ministry while clearing the project to be followed rigidly.	Furnished as Annexure - VII

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,


General Manager,
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Annexure - I

(Condition No. i)

Legal Status of forest land is unchanged. Current surface plan showing forest land is attached as annexure.

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Annexure – II

(Condition No. ii)

Compensatory Afforestation has been raised in Panposh Tahsil of Sundargarh division for which an amount of Rs 1685080/- has been deposited by the Balram OCP.

Mutation of land has already been done in favour of forest department.


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Annexure - III

(Condition No. iii)

The internal dumping is technically reclaimed by bringing it into surface level and plantation is being done on it in every year. The total area planted on the Backfilled area/OB dump is 115.54 Ha & total no. of saplings planted is 288850. Apart from Plantation on backfilled area/OB dump, in 40.83 Ha, 84194 no of plants were planted in block and avenue plantation area. Biological reclaimed area is shown in surface plan attached as annexure.

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Annexure – IV

(Condition No. iv)

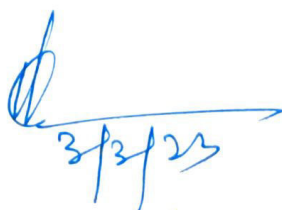
No labour camps in the forest area. Photos are being attached with. Existing labour camps is established in the Backfilled area and it is being marked in surface plan attached as annexure.

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LABOUR CAMP IN MINE LEASE AREA, BALRAM OCP





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Annexure - V

(Condition No. v)

Alternative fuels like LPG is used by the staff and labours. For reference, last 5 years LPG supply to staff and labours is given below:

Year	Kg of LPG distributed to Balram OCP employees
2017-18	122787
2018-19	185693
2019-20	143476
2020-21	152559
2021-22	156448
2022-23	192468


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Annexure – VI

(Condition No. vi)

No explosives are being stored in mine lease area.

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Annexure – VII

(Condition No. vii)

All conditions/safeguards proposed by the Environment Wing of the Ministry while clearing the project is followed rigidly. Regularly, half-yearly Environmental Clearance compliance is being submitted to the MoEF & CC.

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ANNEXURE III

UNDERTAKING FOR NET PRESENT VALUE OF FOREST AREA

Balram OCP hereby undertakes to deposit an amount of Rs 10,46,77,097/- by 16.02.2024, towards the cost of NPV for earlier approved forest land of 85.201 ha vide Ministry's letter dt. 28.09.1990 for Kalinga OCP (Now Balaram OCP) Coal mining, as per the demand raised by DFO Angul vide letter No. 580 dt. 16.01.2024.


21-01-24

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