

Ref. No.: MCL/BA/PO/KOCP/E&F/2023-24/77

Date: 27/1/24

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Sundargarh Division,  
Sundargarh

Subject: Submission of reply to the Essential Details Sought in respect of diversion proposal of 134.69 Ha of forest land for Kulda Expansion OCP of Basundhara Area, MCL.

Ref - 1.) Memo from PCCF vide no. - 21491/9F(MG)-44/2023/Bhubaneswar, Date - 03.11.2023.

2.) Porposal No. - FP/OR/MIN/50293/2020, State Serial No. OR-050/2021, date - 08.07.2021

Respected Sir,

With reference to the letter cited above, the short coming found in the diversion proposal has been complied herewith. The details are furnished as below:

1. This office has issued a letter vide memo No.7002 dt. 31.03.2018 related to a complaints on non-compliance of provision of PESA Act 1996, FRA, 2006, & LARR Act, 2013, Environment Clearance, Consent To Establish and Consent To Operate by the Kulda Opencast Coal Mining project of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. in Sundargarh district. Which was in reference to the letter No. 8-287/CE dated 08.03.2018 of Conservator of Forests (Central), MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

In reference to the above EDS raised by the Addl. PCCF (Nodal), Bhubaneswar, the User Agency is hereby submitting an undertaking to this effect that there is no such non-compliance of provision of PESA Act 1996, FRA, 2006 & LARR Act, 2013, Environment Clearance, Consent To Establish and Consent To Operate by the Kulda Opencast Coal Mining Project.

2. The proposed proposal involves the forest land over 134.69 Ha, which includes Lalma RF 83.24 ha as per RoR. But, it comes over 92.943 ha in ORSAC vetted DGPS map which is 11.65% in excess.

In reference to the above EDS raised, the UA addressed the issue to ORSAC in order to rectify the difference in the area of Lalma R.F. as per RoR and the area in the ORSAC vetted DGPS map. In the follow up action, ORSAC, again sent its team to Kulda for reverification and survey of Lalma R.F. and the rectified map of Lalma R.F. was prepared and issued by ORSAC, vide no. - ORSAC/DGPS-FD/1179/2023/249, Date - 12.01.2024, which has been attached in Annexure-II. The area of Lalma as per authenticated land schedule is 83.24 Ha and as per the latest rectified ORSAC vetted DGPS map is 83.55 Ha. The same may be reviewed and accepted for further processing of this proposal.

3. The land schedule of forest land for Kulda Expansion OCP of Tumulia village as per RoR, submitted in this DP duly signed by all the concerned differs from ORSAC vetted DGPS surveyed in respect of plots. The user agency is asked to rectify. The details is furnished below:-

**Land schedule of forest land of Tumulia village**

As per RoR				As per ORSAC vetted DGPS surveyed map			
Sl. No.	Khata No.	Plot No.	Area acquired in Ac	Sl. No.	Patch	Plot No.	Area acquired in Ac
1	260	2103(P)	1.49	1	Patch - K	2082	13.35
2	260	2125(P)	1.72	2		2095	15.00



3	258	2095	15.00	3		2097	7.38
4	260	2097(P)	7.38	4		2135	1.72
5	260	2177(P)	6.20	5		2166	11.42
6	258	2169(P)	32.05	6		2169	32.05
7	260	2166	11.42	7		2240	0.90
8	260	2240	0.90	8	Patch - L	2103	1.49
9	258	2136	9.36	9	Patch - N	2177(P)	5.18
10	260	2233	0.96				
11	260	2235	0.37				
12	260	2264	0.88				
13	260	2217	0.46				
14	260	2188	1.44				
		Total	89.63 Ac. Or 36.27 Ha.			Total	88.49 Ac. Or 35.81 Ha.

In this context I am directed to request you to furnish the compliance to the the above deficiencies immediately for further course of action at this end at an earliest.

In reference to the above EDS raised, the UA approached ORSAC for reverification of the discrepancies and for fresh survey of the plots under Tumulia village, consequently, ORSAC has surveyed 14 nos. of plots namely – 2103(P), 2125(P), 2095, 2097(P), 2177(P), 2169(P), 2166, 2240, 2136, 2133, 2235, 2264, 2217, 2188 of Tumulia village and issued rectified ORSAC vetted DGPS map of all the plots under Tumulia village as per the authenticated land schedule submitted along with the proposal, which has been attached in **Annexure - III**. The total area of all the plots under Tumulia village as per authenticated land schedule is 35.81 Ha and as per the latest rectified ORSAC vetted DGPS map is 35.97 Ha. The index map consisting of all the plots involved in Forest diversion proposal has been attached in **Annexure-IV**. It is requested to kindly authenticate the maps attached in **Annexure-II, III, & IV**, for onward submission.

In light of the above facts, we kindly request your consideration of above submitted documents and the proposal in complete may kindly be forwarded for grant of Forest Clearance of 134.69 Ha for the purpose of Coal Mining in Kulda Expansion OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

Encl. As Above.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
24/1/2024  
Project Officer,  
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MCL Basundhara Area Project

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