

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ANGUL

1	Name of the Project	Seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of FC Act, 1980 for diversion of 125.24 ha of forest land in respect of Subhadra OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields limited (MCL).				
2	Name of the District / Division	Angul District / Angul Forest Division				
3	Date of Inspection	08.12.2022				
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, Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Division. 2. Sri Nilamani Dehury, Range Officer, Kaniha Range. 3. Sukanti Dei, Range Officer, Talcher Range & additional charge of Angul Range. 4. Sri K.S Singh, General Manager, Subhadra OCP MCL, Angul. 5. Sri Bahadul Sahoo, Project Officer, Subhadra OCP, MCL. 6. Sri Dibakar Majhi, Staff Officer (Mining) Subhadra OCP, MCL. 7. Sri P.K. Maharaj, Staff Officer (Survey) Subhadra OCP, MCL.				
6	Legal status of forest land with area proposed for diversion	Reserved Forest - 0.75 ha Revenue Forest - 47.59 ha. DLC Forest - 76.9 ha. Total 125.24 ha.				
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.	Requirement for the purpose	Reserved Forest	Revenue Forest	DLC Forest	Total (Ha.)
		Mining Excavation	0.71	33.82	55.0	89.53
		Safety Zone	0.04	0.77	0.66	1.47
		Infrastructure	0	13.0	21.24	34.24
		Total	0.75	47.59	76.9	125.24.
9	Condition of vegetation and type of forest in applied area.	Tropical Moist Deciduous Forest. Mostly Sal Forest, Kaju, Mai, Neem, Mango, Teak etc are found in the area.				
10	Position of Wildlife in general.	As reported by the DFO in his site inspection report, Asian Elephant, Barking Deer & Indian Hare, Langur, Jackal, Wild Boar and birds like, Indian peafowl, Blue jay, Egrets, Kingfisher and Drongo are found in the area.				

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11	Whether the applied area is involved with any eco-sensitive Zone/ National Park/ Sanctuary.	No, the applied area does not involve any eco-sensitive zone / National Park / Sanctuary.
12	No. of trees to be felled and its impact on the systems.	Total 48613 Nos. of trees (Sample plot enumeration) . Forest land 10925 nos. Non-forest Govt. land 11064 nos. Private Land 26624 nos. Total 48613 nos. Felling of trees outside forest will adversely impact air and hydrology in the area. To mitigate the felling of trees, ten times of the number of trees need to be planted at the time of felling of trees.
13	Details of broken area and reclamation done if any.	No.
14	Position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation, if any.	As reported by the DFO, Angul no people displacement is required from forest area proposed to be diverted.
15	Position of rare and endangered species available and importance of area from eco-social point of view.	The area is important for the movement of wild elephants. Angul , Talcher, Chhendipada and Kaniha ranges of Angul Division have witnessed increased man-elephant conflicts due to increased mining activities.
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 and non-forest land selected for Compensatory Afforestation has not been included in the DLC report.
17	Suitability of the identified non-forest area for compensatory afforestation.	Necessary suitability certificate has been furnished by the DFO in the CA Scheme.
18	Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, if any and action taken thereof.	No violation has been noticed during site inspection.


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 Angul