



Ref: MCL/PO/KOCP/E&F/2024-25/ 1455-

Date: 05.03.2025

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Division,
District- Sundergarh,
Odisha 770001.

Sub: Proposal towards seeking clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India for diversion of 134.69 ha of forest land for Kulda Expansion Open Cast Project of Basundhara Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

(Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/50293/2020, State Sl. No. OR-050/2021 dt.08.07.2021).

Ref: -

1. Letter No. 8-07/2024-FC Dated 06-01-2025 of MoEF&CC, GoI (FC Division).
2. Memo No. 1270 dt. 17.01.2025 of Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)
3. Your Office Letter No. 365/4F(Misc)/ Dated 18.01.2025
4. Our Letter No. MCL/BA/PO/KOCP/2024-25/1420 dt.28.02.2025
5. Your Letter no. 1196 / 4F (Misc) / 2025 Dt. 04.03.2025

Respected Sir,

This is in reference to the letters cited above, please find enclosed herewith the compliance to EDS raised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India in respect of the forest diversion of 134.69 ha of forest land for Kulda Expansion Open Cast Project of Basundhara Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

You are requested to kindly arrange to forward the same to the Ministry for early issue of Stage-I Forest Clearance.

Encl : a/a.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Copy to :

- RCCF, Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.
- GM, Basundhara Area, MCL

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COMPLIANCE TO EDS RAISED BY MOEF&CC, GOI, NEW DELHI
VIDE 8-07/2024-FC DATED 06.01.2025

i. *The area proposed for CA on DFL is having MDF over 116 ha as per DSS analysis. Further, as informed by the state the area involves road, cultivated land and claims under FRA, 2006, which indicate that the area proposed for CA is neither completely suitable for plantation, nor it is free from encumbrances. The State Govt. shall therefore exclude the area which is not suitable for CA and provide alternate DFL twice in extent to the area proposed for diversion which is suitable for raising plantation and is free from all encumbrances. All requisite details with respect to the revised CA area shall be provided.*

Compliance : In compliance to the above condition as communicated by you vide letter no. 1196 /4F(Misc)/2025/Dt- 04/03/2025, the CA land identified at the following locations as per the table below may kindly be considered and forwarded to Centre for further needful.

Sl.no.	Description	Range	Area
01.	Sikajore – A	Lephripada	74.5 Ha
02.	Sikajore – PRF	Lephripada	40 Ha
03.	Tangarpali – DPF	Ujalpur	14 Ha
		Total	128.5 Ha

ii. *The State shall provide the status of the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approval dated 11.03.2019 (for 29.41 ha) for Basundhara washery. The status of violations (if any) in the said project shall also be submitted.*

Compliance : In compliance to the above condition this is to state that the Stage I FC for Basundhara Washery was obtained on 11.03.2019 & EC has been obtained on 31.10.2019. However as per guidelines from MoC & decision taken in MCL Board, the plan for establishing the washery was dropped in 2020 for which the following reason which was quoted as follows:

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As per the gazette notification issued by MoEF&CC vide dated 21.05.2020, use of washed coal having ash percent less than 34% is not mandatory and power plants can use coal without stipulations as regards ash content or distance. During audit of Annual Accounts 2019- 20 while going through the "Capital Work in Progress", CAG

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Initially the compliance of Stage-I conditions of Basundhara Washery had been submitted to the centre vide letter no. 18864/9F (Misc)-6/2016 dated 1st November 2019 through PCCF(FD & No, FC Act) Bhubaneshwar, copy of which is attached herewith as Annexure 'A'.

Further, the short comings in respect of Stage-I compliance which were pointed out by MoEF&CC vide letter no. 8-176/1997 FC(Vol) dated 12th December 2019 (Copy enclosed as Annexure 'B') containing 5 points is still pending to be complied. The same will be submitted after approval of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan by PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden, Bhubaneshwar and deposition of the requisite fund in respect of the same to CAMPA account.

- iii. *The Regional Office shall provide the detailed site inspection report of the CA area with clear recommendations. The Regional office shall also give its comments on the status of the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approval dated 11.03.2019 (for 29.41 ha) for Basundhara washery and violations (if any) in the said project.*

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iv. ***The State has informed that the DFO, Sundargarh Division vide his Memo No. 6722 Dtd 30.11.2024 has stated that as per DSS analysis, an area of 10 Ha of water bodies was not included earlier and it is clarified that an area of 929.825 ha is comprised of 4 Ha as MDF, 678 Ha as Non-Forest, 132 Ha as open forest, 105 Ha as scrub and 10 Ha Water Bodies. The possible impact of mining over 10 ha water bodies needs to be examined and state shall provide the justification along with proposed mitigation measures if any for the inclusion of 10 ha water bodies in the project.***

Compliance : In compliance to the above condition this is to clarify that the 10 Ha of water bodies identified in the project area are already existing within the boundaries of the current mining lease of 634.205 Ha. These water bodies are in the form of mine sumps, which have been established as part of the ongoing mining operations. These sumps serve an important purpose for the industrial use of the mine, specifically for water storage and management in the mining process.

Therefore, the 10 Ha of water bodies do not represent any new area that has been added to the mining lease, but are part of the already existing infrastructure that is being utilized for operational purposes. The water bodies have been managed in accordance with the statutory requirements related to the mining operation, and there are no additional impacts anticipated due to their inclusion in the overall area.

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Basundhara Area, MCL

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ANNEXURE - A



STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

No. 18864
Dated, Bhubaneswar the

19F (Misc)-6/2016
1st November 2019

From:

Jitendra Kumar, IFS
Principal CCF (FD & NO, FC Act),
O/o the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar,
Odisha.

To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forest (F.C),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F. C. Division),
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi- 110003.

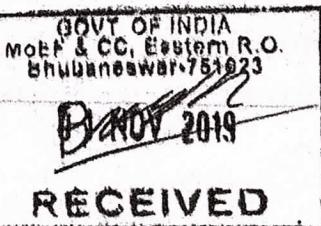
Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 29.41 ha of forest land (20.89 ha fresh forest land and 8.52 ha of forest land for re-diversion out of already diverted forest area of 227.89 ha of Kulda OCP of Mahanadi coal fields Ltd) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10MTY) by Mahanadi Coal fields Limited.

Madam,

In inviting a reference to the aforementioned subject Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi have accorded Stage-I approval vide their letter No.F.No.8-176/1997-FC (Vol.) dated 11.03.2019 for diversion of 29.41 ha 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 coal fields Ltd) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10MTY) by Mahanadi Coal fields Limited subject to fulfilment of Twenty Two (22) nos. of conditions stipulated therein. The User Agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and additional five (5) conditions imposed by State Government. The pointwise compliance received from the RCCF Rourkela Circle are furnished below:-

Condition No.(i):- Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the legal status of Forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-I.



Condition No.(ii) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over the non-forest land equal in extent to the forest land being diverted within three years of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the Cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified non-forest land. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in any other forests as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the degraded forest land over 58.82 ha. has been identified in Regedakhol Reserve Forest of Sundargarh Forest Division for raising Compensatory Afforestation @200 plants per ha and additional degraded forest land over 51.194 ha (gross area) with an effective plantation area of 46 ha has been identified in Singaribahal Reserve Forest of Sundargarh Forest Division for raising Compensatory Afforestation @ 200 plants per ha. The aforesaid schemes for CA over 58.82 ha and the additional CA over 51.194 ha (gross area) with an effective plantation area of 46 ha have been technically approved by PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) for Rs. 62,08,100/- and Rs. 39,29,300/- (including the cost of infrastructure development amounting to Rs.2,00,000/-) respectively.

Further, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has deposited Rs.2,30,14,540/- which includes CA cost of Rs.62,08,100/- through online portal in the A/c of Adhoc-CAMPA vide UTR No.SBIN119298637318 dated 28.10.2019 in the ORISSA CAMPA A/c No.150826716495050 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (IFSC Code-CORP0000371). The copy of the receipt in support of the aforesaid payment submitted by DFO Sundargarh is enclosed as Annexure-II.

Again the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has deposited Rs.2,30,14,540/- which includes Additional CA cost of Rs37,29,300/- (excluding the cost of infrastructure development amounting to Rs.2,00,000/-) through online portal in the A/c of Adhoc-CAMPA vide UTR No.SBIN119298637318 dated 28.10.2019 in the ORISSA CAMPA A/c No.150826716495050 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (IFSC Code-CORP0000371). The copy of the receipt in support of the aforesaid payment submitted by DFO Sundargarh is enclosed as Annexure-III.

Therefore, the User Agency has deposited Rs.99,37,400/- (CA cost of Rs.62,08,100/- + Additional CA cost of Rs37,29,300/-) towards Compensatory Afforestation through e-portal in the A/c of Adhoc-CAMPA.

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Condition No.(iii) 25% of CA cost will be deposited extra by the user agency for soil and moisture conservation (SMC) activities on the CA land;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that 25% of the CA cost has already been included in the CA scheme for Soil and Moisture Conservation (SMC) activities on CA land. However, the User Agency has agreed to deposit extra 25% of CA cost for Soil and Moisture Conservation (SMC) activities on the CA land by DFO, if required at a later stage. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-IV.

Condition No.(iv) The admissible identified non-forest land raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the Stage-II clearance and the same shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within a period of six months. The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall report compliance in this regard;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the compensatory afforestation site for Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) has been identified in Regedakhol Reserve Forest and Singaribahal Reserve Forest under Sundargarh Forest Division and therefore, transfer and mutation in favour of the State Forest Department is not required. Only in case of degraded Revenue Forest /Government Non-Forest land, it shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1972.

Condition No.(v) The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India topo-sheet of 1:50000 scale.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the lands identified for the purpose of CA in Regedakhol RF and Singaribahal RF have been depicted on Survey of India topo-sheet No.F44L16 & F44R9 of 1:50000 scales respectively which are enclosed as Annexure-V.

Condition No.(vi) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the degraded forest land over 58.82 ha. has been identified in Regedakhol Reserve Forest of Sundargarh Forest Division for raising Compensatory Afforestation @200 plants per ha and additional degraded forest land over 51.194 ha (gross area) with an effective plantation area of 46 ha has been identified in Singaribahal Reserve Forest of Sundargarh Forest Division for raising Compensatory

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Afforestation @ 200 plants per ha. The aforesaid schemes for CA over 58.82 ha and the additional CA over 51.194 ha (gross area) with an effective plantation area of 46 ha have been technically approved by PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) for Rs. 62,08,100/- and Rs.39,29,300/- (including the cost of infrastructure development amounting to Rs.2,00,000/-) respectively including provision of 20% escalation cost for work scheduled for subsequent years.

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Therefore, the User Agency has deposited Rs.99,37,400/- (CA cost of Rs.62,08,100/- + Additional CA cost of Rs37,29,300/-) towards Compensatory Afforestation through e-portal in the A/c of Adhoc-CAMPA.

Condition No.(vii) The User Agency shall transfer the funds for the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995, and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the area proposed for diversion under this project is 29.41 ha which includes fresh forest land of 20.89 ha and re-diversion of 8.52 ha out of already diverted forest area of 227.89 ha. for Kulda OCP of MCL. The User Agency has deposited a sum of Rs.2,30,14,540/- which includes Rs.1,30,77,140/- (@ Rs.6,26,000/- per ha., Canopy Density: 0.2 and Eco-Value Class-III) towards the Net Present Value(NPV) of 20.89 ha of fresh forest land through online portal in the Account of Adhoc-CAMPA vide UTR No. SBIN119298637318 dated 28.10.2019 in the ORISSA CAMPA A/c No.150826716495050 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex,

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Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (IFSC Code-CORP0000371). The copy of e-challan and the copy of the UTR duly certified by Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Balinga (Branch) are enclosed as Annexure-VIII & IX respectively.

Condition No.(viii) At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is enclosed as Annexure-X.

Condition No.(ix) User Agency should ensure that the Compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriated bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of Stage-I clearance;

Compliance: Compliance: In compliance to the above, all the funds received from the User Agency have been transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA through online portal of Ad-hoc CAMPA Account. The details of the following amounts deposited by the user agency is furnished below:-

Sl. No.	Type of deposit {NPV/CA /IWMP Others (specify)}	Whether by RTGS/B D/DD/N EFT (Specify)	UTR/DD No./BD No.	Amount deposited (Rs.)	Date of deposit	Name of Bank from which amount transferred to account CAF	Bank Account of CAF managed by CAMPA in which fund deposited	Deposited with
1.	CA	Online	SBIN11929 8637318	62,08,100 Part of deposit of Rs.2,30,14,540	28.10.2019	SBI, Balinga Branch	Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi	Adhoc-CAMPA
2.	Addl. CA	Online	SBIN11929 8637318	37,29,300 Part of deposit of Rs.2,30,14,540	28.10.2019	SBI, Balinga Branch	Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi	Adhoc-CAMPA
4.	NPV	Online	SBIN11929 8637318	1,30,77,140 Part of deposit of Rs.2,30,14,540	28.10.2019	SBI, Balinga Branch	Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi	Adhoc-CAMPA

Condition No.(x) The State Govt. shall complete settlement of rights in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act-2006 if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No.11-9/1998-FC (Pt.), Dtd:03.08.2009 read with 05.07.2013 in support thereof.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the Collector Sundargarh has issued the required certificate in the prescribed format vide Letter No.1738 dt14.09.2016 of Additional District Magistrate Sundargarh under Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act-2006 in respect of diversion of forest land measuring 29.41 ha of entire forest

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land including Reserved Forest in village Balinga, Bankibahal and Koisira for non-forestry use for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery of Mahanadi Coal Field Ltd. under Hemgiri Tahasil. The copy of the certificate e issued by Collector Sundargarh is enclosed as Annexure-XI.

Condition No.(xi) Since an area of 8.52 ha of forest land is being re-diverted from already diverted forest area of 227.89 ha for Kulda OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) by M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, therefore, the land use plan and mining plan shall be got approved before Stage-II Clearance and a copy of the same be submitted to this Ministry for record.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the new mining plan for Kulda Expansion OCP is under preparation, incorporating the changes in land use due to re-diversion of 8.52 ha for Basundhara Coal Washery of MCL and the same shall be submitted to the Ministry after getting approval from MCL Board before Stage-II Clearance. An undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XII.

Condition No.(xii) The User Agency shall prepare and implement Risk Management Plan and the User Agency shall take all necessary measures to prevent fire hazards;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the Risk Management Plan is under preparation for prevention of fire hazards for the Area of Basundhara Coal Washery which will be implemented by the User Agency accordingly. An undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XIII.

Condition No.(xiii) Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that the period of diversion of the 29.41 ha forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XIV.

Condition No.(xiv) User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, if required;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that in the 41st meeting of the EAC held on 14th December, 2018, EAC has recommended the proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance to Basundhara Washery (10 MTY) of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields

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Limited in District of Sundargarh (Odisha). The copy of minutes furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XV.

Condition No.(xv) *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking not to establish any labour camp on the forest land and shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XVI.

Condition No.(xvi) *The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the boundary of the diverted forest land has already been demarcated with 4' high RCC pillars and the specified information, i.e. serial number, DGPS coordinates & distance from pillar to pillar have been inscribed on the pillars.

Condition No.(xvii) *The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking not to use the forest land for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government. The Undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XVII.

Condition No.(xviii) *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking not to cause damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area. The Undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XVIII.

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Condition No.(xix) *The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XIX.

Condition No.(xx) *The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to submit the Annual Self Compliance Report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to the of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change by the end of March every year regularly. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XX.

Condition No.(xxi) *Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to abide by any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of the MoEF & CC, GoI may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The Undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XXI.

Condition No.(xxii) *The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply all the provision of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. The Undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XXII.

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Compliance of additional conditions stipulated by Govt. of Odisha vide letter no. 10F
(Cons)91/2016 - 6414/F&E, Bhubaneswar, dated 29.03.2019:-

Condition No.(a) The Collector, Sundargarh shall furnish detailed compliance of FRA guidelines of MoEF&CC pertaining to forest land proposed for diversion.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the Collector Sundargarh has issued the required certificate in the prescribed format vide Letter No.1738 dt14.09.2016 of Additional District Magistrate Sundargarh under Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act-2006 in respect of diversion of forest land measuring 29.41 ha of entire forest land including Reserved Forest in village Balinga, Bankibahal and Koisira for non-forestry use for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery of Mahanadi Coal Field Ltd. under Hemgiri Tahasil. The copy of the certificate e issued by Collector Sundargarh is enclosed as Annexure-XXIII.

Condition No.(b) Operation of the project shall be subject to proper resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected families as per approved R&R policy.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking for operation of the project subject to proper resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected families as per approved R&R policy. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XXIV.

Condition No.(c) Operation of the Basundhara Coal Washery will be subject to availability of valid environmental clearance of MoEF &CC and CTE/CTO of SPCB, Odisha.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to obtain valid Environment Clearance (EC) from MoEF & CC before operation of Basundhara Coal Washery. The Consent to Establish (CTE) has been obtained from the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha vide Memo No., 8009 dtd.08.06.2017 and Consent to Operate (CTO) from State Pollution Control Board, Odisha will be obtained soon before operation of Basundhara Coal Washery. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XXV.

Condition No.(d) User Agency shall prepare the Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan as per guidelines of CWLW, Odisha to be approved by PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha for its execution at project cost.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to prepare the Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan as per guidelines of CWLW, Odisha to be approved by PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha for its execution at project cost. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XXVI. The DFO, Sundargarh Division has reported that, the tender process for preparation of Site Specific Wild Life Conservation Plan is in final stage.

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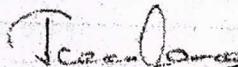
Condition No.(e) Updated State profile for this project duly signed by Addl. PCCF (Forest Diversion) & Nodal Officer, FC Act shall be furnished.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to provide updated State profile for this project duly signed by PCCF (Forest Diversion) & Nodal Officer, FC Act. The undertaking to this effect furnished by the User Agency is enclosed as Annexure-XXVII.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by MoEF & CC, New Delhi and State Government is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 29.41 ha 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 coal fields Ltd) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10MTY) by Mahanadi Coal fields Limited under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Encl- Annexure-I to XXVII
in One (1) set


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

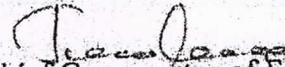
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Copy alongwith copy of one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, Government of India, Eastern Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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in One (1) set


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Forest Division & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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/Dt.

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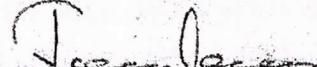

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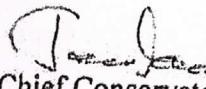

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for /Dt.
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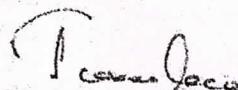

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Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd., Basundhara Area,
At/Po-Basundhara, District-Sundargarh, Odisha for information.


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

01/11/19

Manoranjan Das

Government of India
 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 (FC Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
 Jor bagh Aliganj Road,
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Dated: November, 2019.

12th December

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
 Government of Odisha,
 Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 29.41 ha 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 for Kulda OCP of Mahanandi Coalfields Ltd.) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) by M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. 18864/9F (Misc) 6/2016 dated 01.11.2019, on above mentioned subject wherein State Government has submitted point wise compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 11.03.2019. After examination of the compliance report in the Ministry revealed following shortcoming:

- i. The revised approved mining plan in compliance to condition no. (xi) has not been submitted.
- ii. Risk Management Plan in compliance to condition no. (xii) has not been submitted.
- iii. As per compliance report of Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan, the PCCF/ Nodal Officer mentioned that this plan is under preparation, therefore this required with deposition of fund in CAMPA account before issue of Stage-II clearance for instant proposal.
- iv. In compliance to condition no. (xiv) Environmental Clearance has not yet been granted, therefore present status of environment clearance may be given.
- v. The compliance has not been uploaded on web portal of Ministry.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to provide documents/clarification as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



(Brijendra Swaroop)

Dy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Govt of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar.
3. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneshwar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC
6. Guard File