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मिनिरातन कम्पनी(A Miniratna Company)

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड की अनुषंगी कम्पनी(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

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चंद्रपुर

विषय : दुर्गापुर ओपनकास्ट माइन - Renewal of 80.77 Ha Forest Land for opencast mining of Durgapur Opencast Project, M/s. Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur Area - Reply to the queries raised by the APCCF (Wildlife), Van Bhavan, Nagpur

- संदर्भ : 1. Letter from APCCF (Wildlife) Desk-1(B)/Survey/129/2021-22/566, dt.02.06.21
 2. Letter from CCF, Chandrapur Desk-3(1)/Land/Pr.Kr.48/2020-21/566, dt.10.06.21
 3. Letter from DFO, Chandrapur Desk-14/Survey/Land/404, dt. 14.06.2021
 4. Letter from DFO, Chandrapur Desk-14/Survey/Land/1821, dt. 10.01.2022

महोदय,

With reference to the above subject and referred letter from APCCCF office, please find the point-wise reply below:

Sr. No.	Query	Reply from User Agency
1	Index Map showing Wildlife Sanctuary / National Park / Buffer / ECZ / Corridor / Mine Area	Complied. Map showing Wildlife Sanctuary / National Park / Buffer / ECZ / Corridor / Mine Area enclosed as Annexure-I
2	Query regarding Mining in Safety Zone, Land Use Purpose	338.85 Ha Reserve Forest land has been acquired for Durgapur OC Project vide CBA (A&D) Act 1957 - S.O.No.450 (E) dated 04.08.1979. (Copy of notification is enclosed herewith as Annexure-II). a) Out of which 40.46 Ha Forest Land area has been handed over to WCL for coal mining by State Government on 23.05.1980. b) Then, 172.54 Ha Forest Land has been diverted vide MoEF letter F.No.8-35/2001-FC, dated 12th June 2002 (copy enclosed as Annexure-III).

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| | <p>c) Remaining 125.85 Ha Forest Land is left as Safety Zone. Out of this Safety Zone Area 80.77 Ha has been diverted vide MoEF letter F.No.8-123/2003-FC dated 8th November 2005 (Copy Stage I & Stage II enclosed as Annexure-IV). However, an area measuring 2.63 Ha has been maintained as Safety Zone as per prevailing norms in the year 2005. Hence, it is evident that the 80.77 Ha is a Safety Zone area has already been diverted with the approval of MoEF in November 2005 itself.</p> <p>d) Due to extension of the project, an additional land area measuring 410.96 Ha was acquired vide CBA Notification 2922, dated 25th November 2010 which was inclusive of 121.58 Ha Forest land for the same project (Copy enclosed as Annexure-V). The said 121.58 Ha Forest land is located next to the 80.77 Ha Forest land towards the outer boundary. Hence, 121.58 Ha is naturally becoming the outer boundary of the project area for which separate forest clearance was obtained vide MoEF & CC Stage II letter dated F.No.8-84 dated 22.12.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-VI). An area measuring 3.18 Ha has been allotted by the forest department as new safety zone at the outer boundary of the project area.</p> <p>MoEF Guidelines dated 25.05.1999 clarified that the "Safety Zone area calculation in the proposal should be done taking of 7.5-meter strip of the forest land all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area. If it is a cluster proposal, then the outer boundaries of the cluster should be taken as the safety zone" (Copy enclosed as Annexure VII).</p> <p>As per the above guideline, 2.63 Ha from 80.77 Ha Forest Land has been maintained as Safety Zone area. As per the above point 'd', 121.58 Ha which is located next to the 80.77 Ha become outer boundary of the project. Due to this cluster of 80.77 Ha & 121.58 Ha Forest land areas, a new Safety Zone area of 3.18 Ha has been allotted by the Forest Department within the outer boundary of the Mining Lease. Hence, the existing Safety Zone Area of 2.63 Ha is not lying at the boundary rather it has come in the</p> |
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		<p>center of the acquired forest land which will be utilized for mining purpose. Hence, question maintaining Safety Zone for 80.77 Ha is not arising here. WCL is herewith humbly request to consider the above facts. A map showing the present Safety Zone at the Outer Boundary and existing Safety Zone all along with 80.77 Ha Forest Land is enclosed as Annexure VIII.</p>
3	Google Image showing Safety Zone & Mining Area	Map enclosed as Annexure IX
4	About felling of 93 trees located in the Safety Zone	<p>The proposed 80.77 Ha Forest Land is already mined out during 2005-2013 FC Period itself except 2.63 Ha Forest land which is left as Safety Zone. The safety zone is presently having 93 trees. WCL have already paid Rs.47,566/- and Rs.3,43,894.00 during the process of Forest Clearance for felling of 1044 trees located at 80.77 Ha Forest Land in 2006 (Details enclosed as Annexure X).</p> <p>It is pertinent to inform that, 121.58 Ha Forest Land which is located along the outer boundary of 80.77 Ha Forest Land which is diverted for Coal Mining recently. New Safety Zone (along outside of newly acquired 121.58 Ha Forest Land) measuring area of 3.18 Ha has been allocated all along the mine lease boundary.</p> <p>Now, the outer boundary of 80.77 Ha Forest Land lies along the inside boundary of newly acquired 121.58 Ha Forest Land, thus as per cluster concept Safety Zone has to be left along the outer boundary of 121.58 Ha Forest Land. Accordingly, Safety Zone admeasuring 3.18 Ha has been left along the outer boundary of 121.58 Ha Forest Land.</p> <p><u>WCL is ready to borne the cost of tree felling at the project cost.</u></p> <p>MoEF & CC, New Delhi recommended the project vide letter F.No.6-1/2023-WL dated 19th May 2023 (Copy enclosed as Annexure XI).</p> <p>The 80.77 ha Forest Land has already been mined out during 2005-2013. Now, it will be used for approaching the newly acquired 121.58 ha Forest Land which is located along the outer of boundary of the 80.77 Ha Forest Land. Therefore, mining operations in 80.77 Ha Forest Land (which falls along the inner boundary of 121.58 Ha Forest Land will have no adverse effect on movement of the animals through the corridor as <u>Wildlife</u></p>

		<p><u>Institute of India, Dehradun</u> in its study on 121.58 Ha Forest Land has quotes as the diversion of 121.58 Ha "may not have much effect on movement of the animals through this corridor" (Copy enclosed as Annexure XII).</p> <p>It is therefore humbly requested to consider the felling of 93 trees involved in this proposal to continue the mining operation in order to deliver Coal for generation power to Govt. of Maharashtra.</p>
5	Comments of CCF is on any adverse effect on movement / habitation of wild animals	Chief Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur Circle is humbly requested to reply on this point.

The point-wise compliance report is hereby submitted for your kind perusal and we kindly request you to do the needful at the earliest for approval of Central Government, under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Thanking you,

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05/06/2023
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संलग्न:

1. Map showing the distance of Project Area from ECZ, Buffer & National Park, etc.
2. Copy of CBA Notification SO.No.450E, dated 04.08.1979
3. Stage II letter of 172.54 Ha Forest Land from MoEF dated 12th June 2002
4. Stage II letter of 80.77 Ha Forest Land from MoEF dated 08th November 2005
5. Copy of CBA Notification SO.No.2922, dated 25.11.2010
6. Copy of Stage II approval of 121.58 Ha Forest Clearance
7. MoEF Guideline dated 25.05.1999 on Safety Zone
8. Map Showing the Safety Zones on the Outer Boundary and along with 80.77 Ha Forest Land
9. Google Images showing Mine Boundary, 80.77 Ha, 121.58 Ha Forest Land and Safety Zone
10. Details of tree felling on 80.77 Ha Forest Clearance
11. NBWL recommendation letter on 121.58 Ha dated 19.05.2023
12. Copy of Study Report by WII, Dehradun

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