

**F. No. 8-04/2015-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(FC Division)

Indira paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor bag Road,  
New Delhi - 110003  
Dated: ~~September, 2018~~  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup>,

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

**Sub: Proposal for according permission for use of 0.64 ha of forest land within total forest land of 249 ha located inside Rabipur Reserved Forest land in Talcher Forest Range of Angul Forest Division for undertaking exploratory drilling of 16 no. of boreholes @ 0.04 ha each by M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. for prospecting of coal in forest areas of Chandrabila Coal Block of Angul district in Odisha.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha letter no. 10F(cons) -255/2014-550/F&D dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and 10F(cons)-43/2018-11279/F&E dated 16.05.2018 submitting the above subject proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meetings held on 30.08.2018. The detailed minutes of the FAC meetings held on 30.08.2018 are placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in).

2. The FAC in its meeting held on 30.08.2018, FAC after through deliberation & discussion with APCCF, Regional Office and User Agency observed that the present proposal is for prospecting of coal in forest area. It is also observed that initially the proposal was in name of NTPC whereas now the user agency name has been changed to TANGEDCO. Further FAC perused the facts and observed that MoEF&CC had delegated the power for allowing prospecting over forest area to the State Government as per MoEF&CC guidelines no. 5-3/2007-FC dated 09.05.2018. In this regard FAC recommend that the proposal may be returned to the State to take appropriate action as per the guidelines.

3. In view of above, the instant proposal is hereby returned to take up appropriate action by the State Govt. in the matter.

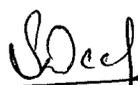
This issues with approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 10.10.18  
Assistant Inspector General of forest (FC)

**Copy to :-**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. Old User Agency: (CMD, NTPC Limited NTPC Bhawan, SCOPE complex, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
5. New User Agency: Principal Secretary / Chairman & Managing Director/ TANGEDCO & TNEB Ltd., NPKRR Maaligai, Electricity Avenue, 144, Ana Salai, Chennai.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
7. Guard file.

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 10.10.18  
Assistant Inspector General of forest (FC)