

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

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**Dated: 5th October, 2021**

To,

The Regional Officer (Central),  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 349.709 ha forest land for Siarmal  
Opencast Coal Mining Project of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0118-2021-16201/ FE&CC dated 13.09.2021 submitting above subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may kindly carry out site inspection of proposed area and submit Site Inspection Report (SIR) to the Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**

**(Charan Jeet Singh)**

Scientist 'D'

**Copy to:**

1. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.