

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

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**Dated: 10th January 2023**

To,  
The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 783.275 ha of forest land consisting of 643.095 ha of RF in Chhendipada & Kankurupal RF and 140.180 ha of Village Forest Land in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd for Naini Opencast Coal Mining Project in Angul Forest Division of District Angul (Odisha) - Modification in the conditions regarding .**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-0026-2021-19519/FE&CC dated 02.11.2022 on the above mentioned subject requesting to amend certain conditions of the Stage-II approval dated 12.10.2022 to allow the State Government to hand over the forest land to the user agency and to say that the matter was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in the meeting held on 07.11.2022. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting can be seen at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

Based on the recommendation of the FAC and approval of the same by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government hereby conveys the amendment in condition no. A(1), A(5) and A(7) of the Stage-II approval 12.10.2022 as under:

- a. A(1): The State Government shall ensure that details of the finalized WLMP, SMC Plan and disposition of monies, payment of deficit amount, etc. shall be approved by the competent authority and concurred by the concerned IRO of the Ministry within a period of one year from the date of issue of Stage-II approval;
- b. A(5): The provisions to be provided in the WLMP or SMC Plan shall be approved by the competent authority in the State and accordingly, the deficit amount, if any, from the money already realized to the tune of 2% and/or 0.5% of project cost, shall be paid by the user agency, and same shall be deposited in the CAMPA account;

- c. A (7): State Government shall ensure that under no circumstances, the implementation of mitigating measures envisaged in WLMP and SMC or other similar Plans/Schemes should be delayed beyond a period of two years from the date of grant of Stage-II approval to ensure commencement of rejuvenation of ecosystem services lost from the forest area allowed for non-forestry use of forest land at the earliest possible time.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully  
Sd/-  
**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

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2. The Regional Officer, All Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, All States/ Union Territories Administration.
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5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
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