

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

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Dated: 10th November, 2022

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 417.073 ha & re-diversion (Change of Land use) of 171.774 ha forest land in respect of Integrated Lakhanpur-Belpahar-Lilari Opencast Project of Lakhanpur area in district Jharsuguda in Odisha, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0142-2021-20500/ FE&CC dated 24.11.2021 and letter no. 9084/9F (MG)-372/2021 dated 29.04.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar's letter no. 5-ORA497/2022-BHU dated 12.09.2022 submitting Joint Inspection Report in response to the Ministry's letter dated 27.06.2022.

The proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in the meeting held on 17.10.2022. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 17.10.2022 may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. The FAC, after going through the facts of the proposal, desired that the IRO of the Ministry at Bhubaneswar will submit a detailed report on the status of the compliance of various conditions stipulated in the approvals granted for an area of 541.622 ha of forest land and after receipt of the said compliance report, the proposal will be again submitted before the Committee for further consideration.

In view of the above, IRO Bhubaneswar is requested to submit a detailed report on the status of the compliance of various conditions stipulated in the approvals granted in respect of 541.622 ha of forest land, enabling 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.