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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
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**Dated: 17-12-2024**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd. for non-forestry use of 125.24 ha of forest land for Subhadra OCP Coal mining under Angul Forest Division and District Angul of Odisha - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF & HoFF, Government of Odisha's letter no. 22867/9F (MG) – 398/2022 dated 14.11.2024 on the above subject forwarding a report of compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 05.12.2023 and to inform that after examination of the compliance report the following shortcomings has been observed:

- i. With regard to conditions no. 8 of the 'in-principle' approval, The State Government has not submitted the revised the RWMP/SSWCP plans. The same needs to be submitted.
- ii. With regard to conditions no. 10 of the 'in-principle' approval, User agency has not uploaded KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area on the e-Green watch portal.
- iii. With regard to conditions no. 12 of the 'in-principle' approval, the State Government has not submitted approved scheme towards demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area) along with budgetary provisions. The same needs to be submitted.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit information as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha,

Bhubaneswar.

2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.