

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

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Dated: 20th February, 2023

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)

Government of Odisha
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. The proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 27.01.2023. The detailed minutes of the FAC may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. The FAC decided to defer the proposal for discussion in the next Forest Advisory Committee meeting. The FAC has also desired that the Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Odisha should be present in person in the next FAC meeting for discussion.

In view of above, the Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Odisha is requested to attend the next FAC meeting scheduled to be held at 10:30 am on 23.02.2023 at New Delhi.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office,
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.