

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

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Dated: 13th March, 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) (Shifting of conditions from Category A to B) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter dated 12.10.2022 conveying the Stage-II approval in case of subject cited proposal and letter dated 10.01.2023 vide which modification in condition no. A(1), A(5) and A(7) of aforementioned Stage-II approval was conveyed to the State Government.

In this regard, a request has been received from the User Agency intimating that the condition nos A(1), A(5) and A(7), are required to be complied after handing over of the forest land to the user agency, however the said conditions are mentioned under the heading A of the Stage-II approval which reads as under:

"Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over offorest land by the State Forest Department".

Further it has been observed that the Condition no. A(1) and A(6) as given in the Stage-II approval dated 12.10.2022 are same. The condition no A(1) was modified vide letter dated 10.01.2023, however the condition A(6) remained as such.

Keeping above in view the matter has been examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that the condition nos. A(1), A(5) and A(7), as amended vide letter dated 10.01.2023 along with the Condition nos A(2) and A(4) which also pertain to submission and implementation of approved Wildlife Management Plan shall be considered as arrayed under part 'B' of the conditions of Stage-II approval dated 12.10.2022 instead of part 'A'. Further, the condition no A(6) shall be read as condition no. A(1) as amended vide letter dated 10.01.2023 under part B of the aforementioned Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF, (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Regional Officer, ntegrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard file.