

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

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**Dated: 2nd March, 2022**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 112.521 ha (out of 132.994 ha applied originally) of forest land granted in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for Bhubaneswari Opencast Coal Mining Project located on Talcher Coalfield in District Angul (Odisha) – reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of representation dated ....received from User Agency M/s MCL on the above subject requesting this Ministry to consider the balance area of 20.383 ha of forest land for mining to enable the agency to attain the production capacity of 28 Million Tonne per annum and to request the State Government to submit their comments to Ministry on the representation of the user agency along with following information:

- i. Status of current land use of 20.383 ha of balance forest land.
- ii. Detail of non-forestry activity or violation, if any, undertaken on the 20.383 ha of forest land. If so, detail of action taken may be intimated by the State
- iii. Detail of status of payment of NPV of the forest land involved in the mining lease may be intimated by the State.
- iv. Updated information/documents of the proposal in light of relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry during the intervening period and submit the same along with KML/SHAPE files of the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising CA.
- v. Status of compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approval dated 6.12.2004 by the user agency and comments thereon of the State Government may be submitted to Ministry.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,  
sd/-  
(Charan Jeet Singh)  
Scientist 'D'

**Copy to:-**

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at

Bhubaneswar

3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
5. Guard file.