

F. No. 8-04/2015-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 9th March, 2015

To

The Director General
Forest Survey of India
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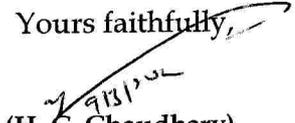
Sub: Proposal for according permission for use of 0.64 hectares of forest land within total forest land of 249 hectares located inside Rabipur Reserved Forest land in Talcher Forest Range of Angul Forest Division for undertaking exploratory drilling of 16 no. of boreholes @ 0.04 ha each by M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. for prospecting of coal in forest areas of Chandrabila Coal Block of Angul district in Odisha.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No 10F (Cons)- 255/2014-530/ F & E dated 8th January, 2015 on the above-mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for use of 0.64 hectares of forest land within total forest land of 249 hectares located inside Rabipur Reserved Forest land in Talcher Forest Range of Angul Forest Division for undertaking exploratory drilling of 16 no. of boreholes @ 0.04 ha each by M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. for prospecting of coal in forest areas of Chandrabila Coal Block of Angul district in Odisha, was sought, in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the said proposal was examined by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted by the Central Government under section 3 of the afore-mentioned Act.

After examination of the said proposal and recommendation of the FAC thereon I am directed to say that the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun may kindly to assess the afore-mentioned coal block based on the draft parameters formulated by a Committee reconstituted under Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to identify inviolate forest areas for mining.

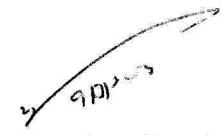
Yours faithfully,


(H. C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

3. The Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar.
5. User agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
7. Guard File.


(H. C. Chaudhary)
Director

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