

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 Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar.

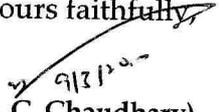
Sub: Proposal for according permission for use of 0.64 hectares of forest land within total forest land of 249 hectares located inside Rabipur Reserved Forest land in Talcher Forest Range of Angul Forest Division for undertaking exploratory drilling of 16 no. of boreholes @ 0.04 ha each by M/s National 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 aforementioned Act.

After examination of the said proposal and recommendation of the FAC thereon I am directed to say that the Government of Odisha may furnish their specific comments on recommendation of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer that proposal for drilling operation may be accepted, but if the question of forest diversion comes, the same may not be accepted considering the importance from wildlife point of view of the forest land proposed to be utilised for prospecting.

Yours faithfully,


(H. C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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


(H. C. Chaudhary)
Director

o/c Issued, 10/03/15.