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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,  
New Delhi - 110003.  
Dated: June, 2024  
11<sup>th</sup>

To

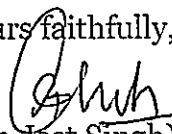
The DDGF (Central),  
Regional Office of MoEF&CC  
Bhubaneswar

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 134.69 ha of forest land for Expansion of Kulda Open Cast Coal Mining Project of Basundhara Area of Mahanandi Coalfields Limited in Sundargarh District under Sundargarh Forest Division-reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0033-2024-7679/FE&CC dated 25.04.2024 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to request that the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10(4) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 to kindly inspect the area proposed for diversion and submit Site Inspection Report (SIR) to this Ministry. Further, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar also submit a detailed report on the status of the compliance of various conditions stipulated in the earlier approval granted for an area of 227.89 ha of forest land.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Charan Jeet Singh)  
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

- i. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- ii. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- iii. Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- iv. User Agency
- v. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi