

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

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**Dated: July, 2023**

To,  
The DDG (Forest),  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 20.383 ha of forest land in favour of the Mahandi Coalfiled Ltd. for continuation of mining operation at Bhubaneswari OCP within Mining Lease area over 658.724 ha under Angul Forest Division in Angul District, Odisha (Online proposal No FP/OR/MIN/155017/2022).**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0020-2022-8408/FE&CC dated 24.04.2023 submitting above mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and request that the Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the area identified for raising compensatory afforestation and submit Site Inspection Report (SIR) to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

**(Dr. Surabhi Rai)**  
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.