

F. No. 8-35/2017-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
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New Delhi: 110003,

Dated: 16th December, 2017

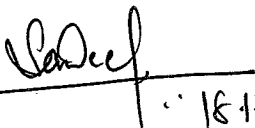
To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

Sub: Diversion of 126.431 ha of Forest land in Balrampur and Surajpur Forest Divisions, Chhattisgarh for Jagannathpur OCP Coal Mining project in favour of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh vide his letter No. BHU-Parbandh/Khanij/331-182/3432 dated 30.11.2017 submitting the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 10.11.2017 and to say that examination of the said compliance in the Ministry revealed following shortcomings:

- (i) It is not clear from the compliance whether the CA has been revised to accommodate at least 1000 plants per hectare over identified double the degraded forest land towards revised proposed diverted forest land i.e. 238.102 ha. Thus, 238102 plants (119.051 hectares x 2 x 1000) would be planted. In addition, it is also not clear whether 25% of extra revised CA cost has been deposited by the user agency for soil and moisture conservation (SMC) activities.
- (ii) In compliance to condition no.(iii) of Stage-I approval, the Elephant Management Plan duly approved by PCCF (WL) has not been submitted.
- (iii) In compliance to condition no.(vi) of Stage-I approval which has specifically recommended by FAC-“A strip of 100 meters, all along the inner boundary of the mining lease should be kept intact and maintained as safety zone. The area of 100 meter strip should be planted with the local indigenous species in consultation with the State Forest Department”, the State Govt. of Chhattisgarh requested to consider the modification of this condition, whereas it is mentioned in SIR done by the Regional Office, Nagpur that a strip of 100 meters, all along the inner boundary of the mining lease has been earmarked as safety zone by the User Agency and no mining has been proposed in the area

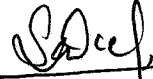

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earmarked for safety zone. Thus, it is not known why the State Govt. proposed to modify ~~of~~ this condition and therefore, need clarification in this regard.

- (iv) In compliance to condition no.(xvii) of Stage-I approval, the approved Plan for **Alternate Habitat/Home for the Avifauna is not given**

Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information/documents/clarification on above points to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal .

Yours faithfully




(Sandeep Sharma)

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Nagpur
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of Forest Conservation, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.



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