

F.No. 8-176/97-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
Dated 22.1.2002.

To

The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 280.86 ha. of forest land for Kulda OCP of Mahanadi Coal field Ltd.
in Sundergarh Forest Division.

Sir,

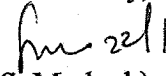
I am directed to refer to your letter No.10.F(Cons) 54/97.8908/F&D dated 9.5.97 and No. 10.F(Cons) 54/97.23070/F&D dated 10.11.98 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and, on the basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby agrees **in-principle** for diversion of remaining additional forest land of 177.17 hectare in addition to already granted 50.72 ha. (total 227.89ha.) for Kulda OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. in Sundergarh Forest Division in the first phase for a period of 20 years subject to following conditions:-

- (i) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of Compensatory Afforestation (revised as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) over degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest land to be diverted in favour of State Forest Department.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the above condition 2(i) from the State Govt. and, the compliance of the in principle approval issued vide this office letter of even number dated 25.7.2001 for 50.72 ha. of forest land in this project, formal approval will be issued by Central Govt. under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Govt. till the formal orders are issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,


(S. Mudgal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests



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Copy to,

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. CCF(Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.RO(HQ.)
4. Guard File.
5. M/s National Enterprises, P.B. No. 44, At & Post Barbil, District, Keonjhar, Orissa-758035

for 24/9
(S. Mudgal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests