

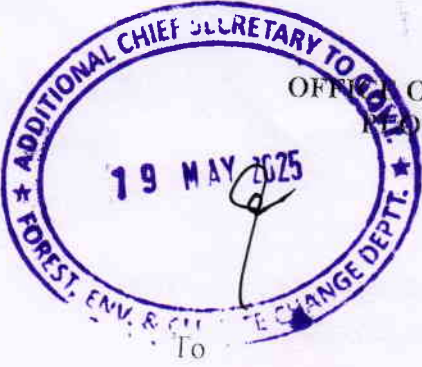
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Dated, Bhubaneswar the 17th May' 2025



The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (FC)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)
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New Delhi-110003

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 26.416 ha (originally proposed area is 20.383 ha) of forest land in favour of the Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. for continuation of mining operation at Bhubaneswari expansion OCP within Mining Lease area over 658.724 ha under Angul Forest Division in Angul District, Odisha – Stage-I compliance regarding

Ref: Stage-I/ In-principle approval letter No.8-18/2002-FC(Vol) dated 24.09.2024 of MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi

Sir,

In reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter No.8-18/2002-FC (Vol) dated 24.09.2024 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi under Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 26.416 ha (originally proposed area is 20.383 ha) of forest land in favour of the Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. for continuation of mining operation at Bhubaneswari expansion OCP within Mining Lease area over 658.724 ha under Angul Forest Division in Angul District, Odisha subject to fulfillment of 26 nos. of conditions stipulated therein. The point wise compliance based on the report of the DFO, Angul Forest Division and RCCF, Angul Circle are as follows:-

Condition 1:- Legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest

Division that the legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged. The undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Angul Division is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

2. Compensatory Afforestation

Condition 2: (i):- The Compensatory Afforestation over non-forest land, equal in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the area of 62.725 ha Degraded Revenue Forest land in the village Karnapur under Talcher Tahsil in Talcher Range of Angul Forest Division has been identified for raising CA. The CA Scheme has been approved for Rs. 2,75,34,400.00/- which has been deposited in State CAMPA fund through Online Parivesh portal vide UTRICICR22024110606085518 dated 06.11.2024 as per the demand raised by DFO, Angul Division vide Letter No.8046/DRP dated 21.10.2024 (copy enclosed as **Annexure-2**). Accordingly, the User Agency has submitted the details of payment particulars which is enclosed as **Annexure-2A**.

Condition 2: (ii):- The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the area of 62.725 ha Degraded Revenue Forest land in the village Karnapur under Talcher Tahsil in Talcher Range of Angul Forest Division has been identified and the CA scheme has been approved for Rs. 2,75,34,400.00/- which has been deposited in State CAMPA fund through Online Parivesh portal vide UTRICICR22024110606085518 dated 06.11.2024 as per the demand Letter No.8046/DRP Dated:21.10.2024(copy enclosed as **Annexure-3**)

The details of payment particular is enclosed as **Annexure-3A**.

Condition 2: (iii):- The exact area involved in the proposal shall be verified after taking into account the already diverted area for Ananta OCP and the Stage-2/Final approval shall be accordingly issued. The state shall ensure that the safety zone is maintained within the diverted area only and keeping in view the revised area, the modifications in the mining plan as appropriate shall be made by the state/UA.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted modified mining plan keeping in view the safety zone to be maintained within the diverted area by the User Agency which is enclosed as **Annexure-4**. Further, the DFO, Angul Forest Division has reported that an area of 1.344 ha has already been diverted for mining purpose under Ananta OCP Phase-II as per the Ministry's Stage-II approval letter No.8-43/2004-FC dated 19.11.2004. The approved mining plan, KML file, and Safety Zone map of Bhubaneswari OCP are enclosed as **Annexure-4A Series**. Again, the actual forest area now proposed for diversion stands at 25.072 ha for Bhubaneswari OCP i.e. 26.416 ha - 1.344 ha.

Condition 2: (iv):- The suitable non-forest land equivalent to the area proposed for diversion shall be identified and provided for raising compensatory afforestation. The area identified shall be transferred and mutated in favor of the State Forest Department and shall also be notified as RF/PF under IFA, 1927 or any state /local act before granting the Stage-II approval;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.41,17,57,500/- towards Govt. fees for mutation of 62.72 ha of Degraded revenue forest land in the Account of Tahasildar, Talcher through RTGS vide Treasury Reference ID 3A3C18E046 dated 18.01.2025 which is enclosed as **Annexure-5**. The land for Compensatory Afforestation has already been alienated in the name of State Forest Department and a copy of RoR issued thereon has been enclosed as **Annexure-5A**. In this connection, the copy of the PF Notification issued by Addl. Chief Secretary to Government of Odisha, FE & CC Department vide No. FE-DIV-FLLD-0020-2022 10F-(Cons)-66/2017- 7514/FE&CC dated 27.03.2025 is enclosed as **Annexure-5B**.

Condition 2: (v):- All details (i.e. KML file, SoI topo sheet, DGPS map, approved CA Scheme, site suitability certificate etc.) of non-forest land equal in extant to the forest land being proposed for diversion shall be submitted by the State Government along with the compliance report of the Stage-I approval.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted all details i.e. KML file of SOI topo sheet, DGPS map, approved CA Scheme, site suitability certificate to the State Government along with the compliance report of the Stage I approval in a **pen-drive**.

Condition 2: (vi):- The Nodal Officer shall report compliance in this regard along with a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land as RF/PF, along with compliance of 'in-principle' approval.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the original notification declaring the non-forest land as PF in Annexure-6.

Condition 2: (vii):- *The cost of Survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the identified CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars have been completed by the User Agency.

3. Net Present Value

Condition 3: (i):- *User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines given under para 3 of the Chapter -3 of the Consolidate Guidelines and Clarifications issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 published by the Ministry on 29.12.2023, through e-payment module on PARIVESH portal, into the account of CAMPA of the State concerned, managed by the National Authority (CAMPA);*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited the Net Present Value (NPV) amount of Rs. 2,92,83,645.00/- towards diversion of 26.416 ha (originally proposed area is 20.383 ha) in State CAMPA fund via Parivesh portal vide UTR ICICR22024110606085519 dated 06.11.2024 as per the demand letter issued vide no.8043 Dated:21.10.2024. (Demand Letter and Transaction slip enclosed in Annexure-7). The details of payment verified in CAMPA portal is enclosed as Annexure-7A.

Condition 3: (ii):- *At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Angul to this effect is enclosed as Annexure-8.

Condition 4:- *Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-payment module on PARIVESH portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>), into the account of CAMPA of the State concerned, managed by the National Authority (CAMPA);*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited Compensatory levies in the CAMPA account through e-payment module. The details of the payment & verification on the CAMPA portal is enclosed as Annexure-9.

Condition 5:- *The KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to 'final' approval;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that all requisite details and files have already been uploaded in the e-Green Watch Portal which is enclosed as Annexure-10.

Condition 6:- *Following activities, as per approved plan / schemes, shall be undertaken in the lease area by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department. Approved scheme/plan shall be submitted to the Ministry along with compliance of 'in-principle' approval.*

Condition 6 (i):- *Mitigation measures, to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream, shall be implemented within a period of two years with effect from the date of issue of order of diversion of forest land, in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department;*

Condition 6 (ii):- *Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion in accordance with the approved scheme;*

Condition 6 (iii):- *Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved scheme;*

Condition 6 (iv):- *Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°; and*

Condition 6 (iv):- *No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted Five numbers of approved schemes with separate financial

outlay, which have already been approved by him. An undertaking to the condition duly signed by the DFO, Angul has been enclosed as **Annexure-11**.

Scheme	Total Financial Outlay in (Rs)
6(i)	3,48,88,000/-
6(ii)	1,26,87,000/-
6(iii)	6,44,97,100/-
6(iv)	1,08,00,000/-
6(v)	45,20,200/-

The copy of the above approved scheme along with undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Angul Division are enclosed as **Annexure- 12,13,14,15 & 16** respectively.

Condition 7:- User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MoEF & CC along with the compliance of 'in-principle' approval;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Scheme for “Gap Planting, Soil & Moisture Conservation Activity to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease” has already been approved by him vide Memo No. 4930 dt.10.12.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.1,86,83,500/- The copy of the approved scheme with undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Angul is enclosed as **Annexure-17**.

Condition 8:- The User Agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies. A detailed approved plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF & CC along with the compliance of 'in-principle' approval;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the scheme for de-silting of village tanks and other water bodies has been approved by him vide Memo No. 4930 dated 10.12.2024. The copy of the approved scheme with undertaking duly signed by the DFO, Angul is enclosed as **Annexure-18**.

Condition 9:- Safety Zone Management: *Following activities, at project cost, shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the management of safety zone shall be taken up at project cost as per relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry's guidelines which is enclosed as **Annexure-19**.

Condition 9 (i):- *User agency shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that they shall ensure demarcation of safety zone (7.5-meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area), and its fencing, protection and regeneration by erecting adequate number of 6 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates with barbed wire fencing and deploy adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed as **Annexure-20**.

Condition 9 (ii):- *Boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by the user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that boundary of the safety zone of the mining lease, adjacent to habitation/roads, should be properly fenced by them which is enclosed as **Annexure-21**.

Condition 9 (iii):- *Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around mining lease and to ensure dense canopy in the area, regeneration shall be taken up in this area by the user agency at project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed as Annexure-22.

Condition 9 (iv):-The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the State Government shall ensure that safety zone is maintained as per the prescribed norms which is enclosed as Annexure- 23.

Condition 10:-The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to deposit the cost of felling of trees with the State Forest Department which is enclosed as Annexure- 24.

Condition 11:- Trees should be felled in phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of concerned DFO;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the trees will be felled in a phased manner as per the requirement in the approved Mining Plan with prior permission of the concerned DFO which is enclosed as Annexure-25.

Condition 12:- The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that they will explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees

identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department which is enclosed as **Annexure -26**.

Condition 13:- The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concern Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities area satisfactorily executed;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the mining will be done in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concerned Addl. Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed. In this regard, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-27**.

Condition 14:- The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re-grassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that they shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re-grassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in a timely manner which is enclosed as **Annexure-28**.

Condition 15:- Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under which is enclosed as **Annexure-29**.

Condition 16:- The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division for obtaining the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 which is enclosed as **Annexure-30**.

Condition 17:- No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas which is enclosed as **Annexure-31**.

Condition 18:- The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates;

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as

applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates which is enclosed as **Annexure-32**.

Condition 19:- *The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which is enclosed as **Annexure-33**.

Condition 20:- *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government which is enclosed as **Annexure-34**.

Condition 21:- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused is enclosed as **Annexure-35**.

Condition 22:- *Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division to abide with any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife is enclosed as **Annexure-36**.

Condition 23:- *The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, or the time being in force, including compliance of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006 as applicable to the project;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that they shall abide by all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project which is enclosed as **Annexure-37**.

Condition 24:- *Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines And Clarifications Issued Under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines And Clarifications Issued Under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023 which is enclosed as **Annexure-38**.

Condition 25:- *The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;*

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that they shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly which is enclosed as **Annexure-39**.

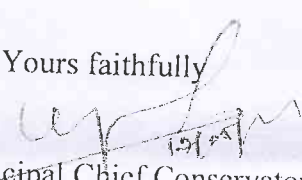
Condition 26:- The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division that the compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) which is enclosed as **Annexure-40**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 26.416 ha (originally proposed area is 20.383 ha) of forest land in favour of the Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. for continuation of mining operation at Bhubaneswari expansion OCP within Mining Lease area over 658.724 ha under Angul Forest Division in Angul District, Odisha.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully


Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 10877

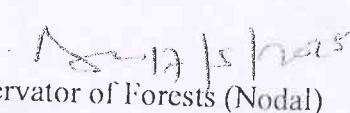
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Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to letter No.8-18/2002-FC (Vol) dated 24.09.2024 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Encl: Compliance in one set

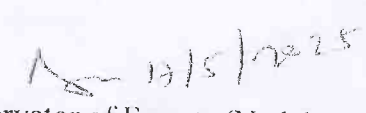
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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action letter No.8-18/2002-FC (Vol) dated 24.09.2024 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Encl: Compliance in one set


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 10879

/Dt. 17.05.2025

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.1776 dated 10.04.2025.

[Signature]
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 10880

/Dt. 17.05.2025

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.1777 dated 10.04.2025 of RCCF, Angul Circle to his address.

[Signature]
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 10881

/Dt. 17.05.2025

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Bhubaneswari Area, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, At/Po/Dist-Angul for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1778 dated 10.04.2025 of RCCF, Angul Circle to his address.

[Signature]
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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