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17th December, 2021

To

The Addl. Director General of Forests (FC),
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi - 110 003.

Sub: Diversion of 230.0899 ha (including 14.1709 ha in safety zone) of forest land for Radhikapur East (including Utkal-F) Coal Mines in village viz. Nondichod, Gopinathpur Jungle, Jhinntipal, Jhintapal Jungle and Kosala under Angul Forest Division of Angul District of Odisha.

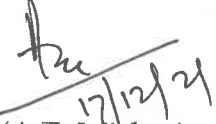
Ref: Ministry's letter No.8-19/2014-FC dated 21.06.2021.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am to enclose herewith the site inspection report of the DIGF (C) along with recommendation of the undersigned for kind information and necessary action. It is to inform that during inspection of the project, the DFO, Angul Forest Division informed that the new project proponent i.e. M/s EMIL Mines & Mineral Resources Ltd. has submitted fresh proposal for the above project and the DFO vide letter No.6914/243/DRP/2021 dated 02.09.2021 has raised some EDS from the user agency (copy enclosed as Annexure-I).

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.


(A.T. Mishra)

Dy. Director General of Forests (C)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DY. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS (CENTRAL) IN RESPECT OF DIVERSION OF 230.0899 HA (INCLUDING 14.1709 HA IN SAFETY ZONE) OF FOREST LAND FOR RADHIKAPUR EAST (INCLUDING UTKAL-F) COLA MINES IN VILLAGE VIZ. NONDICHOD, GOPINATHPUR JUNGLE, JHINTIPAL, JHINTIPAL JUNGLE AND KOSALA UNDER ANGUL FOREST DIVISION OF ANGUL DISTRICT OF ODISHA ALLOCATED TO EMIL MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES LTD. (EMMRL).

The instant proposal is for diversion of 230.0899 ha (including 14.1709 ha in safety zone) of forest land for Radhikapur East (Including Utkal-F) Cola Mines in village viz. Nondichod, Gopinathpur Jungle, Jhintipal, Jhintipal Jungle and Kosala under Angul Forest Division of Angul District of Odisha allocated to Emil Mines and Mineral Resources Ltd. (EMMRL).

The Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), IRO, Bhubaneswar has inspected the site on 10.12.2021 and has submitted the inspection report.

On perusal of the records and the site inspection report of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), the following observations are being made.

1. The total land involved in this proposal is 1029.9246 ha, out of which 230.0899 ha is forest land.
2. In order to mitigate man-wildlife conflict and to minimize the impact of this project on wildlife, Wildlife Management Plan has been proposed.
3. The proposal involves felling of tree. In order to minimize the impact, the trees should be felled when absolutely required in a phased manner. Efforts should be made to transplant trees which are feasible.
4. In the boundary of the project site there are Singhadajhor and Nuabandha natural stream. It will be essential to stabilize the banks to avoid siltation and flood. It is also to be ensured that no water from mine site should enter the natural stream.
5. This project involves displacement of 867 no. of families. Rehabilitation and resettlement plan has been prepared as per the norms of the State Govt.

This diversion of forest land is for mining of coal, which is site specific.

In view of the above, it is recommended to consider the proposal for approval under provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


(A. T. Mishra)

Dy. Director General of Forests (Central)

SITE INSPECTION REPORT IN RESPECT OF DIVERSION PROPOSAL OF 230.0899 HA (INCLUDING 14.1709 HA IN SAFETY ZONE) OF FOREST LAND FOR RADHIKAPUR EAST (INCLUDING UTKAL-F) COAL MINES IN VILLAGES NAMELY NANDICHOD, GOPINATHPUR JUNGLE, JHINTIPAL, JHINTIPAL JUNGLE AND KOSALA UNDER ANGUL FOREST DIVISION OF ANGUL DISTRICT OF ODISHA ALLOCATED TO EMIL MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES LTD. (EMMRL).

The site inspection of the above project was carried out by the undersigned on 10.12.2021 along with Dr. Prakash Gogineni, DFO, Angul, Sri Ranjan Kumar Behera, ACF, Angul, Shri Pratap Kumar Roul, Range Officer, Chhendipada, Shri S.S. Mahato, Project Head, Radhikapur (East) Coal Mines and Shri Sanjeev Tripathy, DGM, Radhikapur (East) Coal Mines of EMMRL.

1. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion:

The legal status of the forest land is reported to be "Revenue Forest".

2. Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion.

The purpose-wise break up of total land i.e. forest land, non-forest land, Private land required for the project is as follows:

Sl. No.	Purpose	Forest Land	Non Forest Govt. land	Private land	Total
		(Gramya Jungle) in ha			
	1	2	3	4	5
1	Mining/Excavation	175.0250	38.4820	288.4930	502.00
2	Magazine with Safety Zone	1.4549	8.8580	7.6447	17.9576
3	Initial OB Dumps	0.0000	5.9800	94.0200	100.00
4	Coal washery, Coal Stack Yard, Settling Pond, Washery pond	0.0000	0.3500	27.0400	27.3900
5	Temp. labour Shed, Temp. Workshop, Temp. Contractor Site, etc.	0	2.1500	17.4300	19.5800
6	Top soil Dump	4.3900	0.2300	11.3800	16.0000
7	Area set aside for future exploration	26.2891	40.0370	110.3400	176.6661
8	Green belt (Indirectly affected)	8.7600	28.5000	76.0630	113.3230
	Sub total	215.9190	124.5870	632.4107	972.9167
	Safety zone				
9	a) 7.5 m along the lease area	2.4700	0.5200	3.3900	6.3800

	b) 10m along the Road	0.0000	0.4400	4.0000	4.4400
	c) 50 m along the nala	11.7009	15.6200	18.8670	46.1879
	Sub Total(II)	14.1709	16.5800	26.2570	57.0079
	Grand Total	230.0899	141.1670	658.6677	1029.9246

3. Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or not. If yes, details thereof:

As reported in Point No.2 above.

4. Total cost of the project at present rates:

As reported, the total cost of the project is Rs.956.20 Crores.

5. Wildlife:

The proposed lease area does not fall within any National park/Wildlife sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Elephant Corridor/Tiger Reserve. No rare or endangered species are noticed or found. Common wild fauna species found in the applied area are wild boar, spotted deer, Hyena, Porcupine, Monkey, common rat, snake etc.

Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not:

Though the area does not form part of any National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Elephant Corridor, it comes under the high impact elephant zone and is known to be a human wildlife conflict area. The current position of presence of wildlife and human wildlife conflict needs to be assessed by the local DFO. Implementation of Integrated Wildlife Management Plan and Site specific Wildlife conservation plan, duly approved by CWLW for this project for the leasehold area as well as surrounding area are to be undertaken at project cost.

6. Vegetation:

The crown density of the forest land in the applied area is assessed to be 0.3. During site inspection, it was observed that the project area at certain patches has good vegetation comprising of Sal and its associates.

(a) Total number of trees to be felled.

The instant proposal involves 230.0899 ha of forest land for this mining project. Since the area proposed for diversion exceeds 10.0 ha., according to para-2.2 (ii) the guideline to Forest (Conservation) Act,

1980, sample enumeration in the applied forest land has been carried out. From this, it is revealed that 6683 no. of trees above 30cm girth are required to be felled for this project. However, this enumeration is 7 years old. Hence, fresh enumeration needs to be carried out.

Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area:

Removal of trees will affect the general ecosystem & ecosystem services, result in soil erosion and also affect the habitats of wildlife present in the area. Hence, trees need to be removed only when there is utmost necessity and in a phased manner under the strict supervision of DFO.

(b) Important species:

No rare or endangered species are noticed or found. Common floral species found in the applied area are *Shorea robusta*, *Mangifera indica*, *Madhuca indica*, *Terminalia tomentosa*, *Anogeissus latifolia*, *Diospyros melanoxylon*, *Phoenix dactylifera* etc.

Number of trees of girth below 60 cm.

As reported, the number of trees of girth below 60 cm is 4550 (sound only).

Number of trees of girth above 60 cm

As reported, the number of trees of girth above 60 cm is 834 (sound only).

7. Background note on the proposal:

As reported, the Talcher coalfield contains the largest coal resources in the Gondwana coalfields in India with a total reserve of 42.842 billion tonnes i.e. 16.25% of the total coal resources of 263.593 billion tonnes upto a depth of 1200m as on 1st April 2008 (As per Coal Resource Scenario of India of Coal Wing, Geological Survey of India). The occurrence of thick coal seams under low cover of overburden and low gradient (dip) of the strata attracted serious attention of all concerned. Ministry of Coal, Government of India has identified 24 blocks in this coalfield for mining of coal by non-CIL entrepreneurs/companies.

Radhikapur (East) (including Utkal-F) Coal Block in Talcher Coal field of Angul District, Odisha has been allotted by Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India in favour of three Project proponents namely (i) M/s Tata Sponge iron Ltd. as leader (ii) M/s SCAW Industries Ltd. and (iii) M/s SPS Sponge Iron Ltd. as associates vide their letter No. 13016/33/2005-CA-I, dated 7.2.2006 as per Option II under

provision in Section 3(3)(a)(iii) of the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973 subject to condition imposed therein for extraction of 45%, 36% and 19% of the coal resources respectively for the purpose of their captive use in their Sponge Iron Plants at Bileipada in Keonjhar district, Gundichapada in Dhenkanal district and Badmal in Jharsuguda district respectively in Odisha. The annual requirement of coal for these industries is 2.25MTPA, 1.80MTPA and 0.95MTPA respectively within proposed annual production of 5.0MTPA from this coal block. As per condition (i) of the allocation order, Mining lease shall be granted in favour of the leader. According to this condition, the leader i.e. M/s Tata Sponge Iron Ltd. filed application with Collector, Angul for grant of Mining lease over Radhikapur East (including Utkal-F) coal block covering an area of 10.30 sq.km (1029.925 ha) on 27.9.2006.

However, vide Vesting order of Govt. of India, Ministry of Coal vide order No. NA-104/15/2020-NA, dated March 03,2021, M/s Radhikapur (East) Coal Mines has been vested with EMIL Mines and Mineral Resources Limited, (the "successful bidder"), incorporated in India under the Companies Act, 2013 with corporate identity number U14290WB2020PLC236717.

EMIL Mines and Mineral Resources Limited (The new project proponent) vide proposal No. 146008/2021 State Sl. No. OR-067/2021, dated 24.08.2021 has submitted the proposal to DFO, Angul. The DFO, Angul vide letter 6914/243/DRP/2021, dated 02.09.2021 has raised EDS with some observations. This was intimated to the undersigned during the site inspection. A copy of the DFO's letter is enclosed herewith as Annexure-I.

The MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide letter No.8-19/2014-FC, dated 21st June, 2021 had directed State Government to submit the information/documents, desired in the letter (copy enclosed as Annexure-II) and directed the IRO, Bhubaneswar to carry out a site inspection of the project area and submit the inspection report to the Ministry.

Radhikapur East (Including Utkal-F) Coal Block is situated in the South Central Part of Talcher Coal field in Chhendipada Tehsil of Angul District. It is delineated within latitude of 20° 57' 12" - 20° 59' 39" North and Longitude of 84° 53' 25" - 84° 55' 49" East and forms part of Survey of India Topo Sheet No.73-D/13. Topographically, the coal bearing area falls along southern side of Singhada Jhor. The area represents a flat to mildly undulating topography. The area is predominantly covered by soil/sand stone and gently sloping towards west to Nuabandh nala and also towards North to Singhada Thor. Minimum & maximum surface elevations are 143.54m to 190.73 m

respectively. Durgapur RF is located at 1.0 km from the southern boundary of this proposed mining lease.

The Radhikapur East (Including Utkal-F) coal block area is having an area of 10.30 Sq.Km or 1029.925 ha spread over 5 villages of Kosala, Gopinathpur jungle, Nandichod (Gopiballavpur), Jhintipal Jungle and Jhintipal in Chhendipada Tahasil of Angul District. The proposed coal block of 1029.925 ha is comprised of 658.6677 ha of Private land, 141.1674 ha of Government non-forest land and 230.0899 ha of revenue forests Kisam land. The 230.0899 ha of forest Kisam land include 215.9190 ha for mining and other allied activities and 14.1709 ha for maintenance of safety zone. The Divisional Forest Officer, Angul has indicated that forest area proposed for diversion for the project is barest minimum and unavoidable.

The Minutes of the meeting of Water Allocation Committee held on 30.9.2008 indicates that the said Committee had recommended for allocation of 2cusec of water from river Singhdajhor subject to fulfillment of conditions mentioned therein. The Ministry of Coal, Government of India vide their letter No. 13016/42/2007.CA-I dated 7.4.2008 have approved the Mining Plan for this coal mining project under Section 5(2)(b) of MMDR Act, 1957 along with Progressive Mines Closure Plan. There is an estimated 110.79 Million tones of geological reserve of coal in this coal block. Life of the Mine is 23 years considering production of 5.0MTPA.

During site inspection, it was seen that the Singhdajhor nalla towards north and Nuabandha nalla to the west of the project boundary which is common to Radhikapur West are natural water bodies. So, adequate care should be taken to ensure that in no circumstances, these water bodies are polluted.

8. Compensatory afforestation:

As reported, in lieu of 215.9190 ha of forest land being proposed for diversion under this proposal for mining and other allied activities out of total forest land including safety zone of 230.0899 ha., the non-forest land of 216.8675 ha has been identified in village Nuasusab, Dalimura, Brundabanpur and Nuagaragadabahal in Bamur forest range and villages of Kuajhari, Kandhal, Barabahal, Satparidia and Khandabar in Handappa forest range under Kishorenagar Tehsil of Angul district of Odisha for raising compensatory afforestation. Detailed land schedule of this patch of non-forest land is duly certified by Tahsildar, Kishorenagar and DFO, Athamallik. Besides plantation, the scheme has provisions for barbed wire fencing and other required measures. The species selected for plantation under the scheme are Teak, Sissoo, Bija, Asan, Dhaura,

Kurum, Neem, Karanja, Bamboo, Harida, Amla, Bahada etc. This scheme has got technical approval of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion) & Nodal Officer, FC Act. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to bear the cost of the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme.

(a) Whether land for compensatory afforestation is suitable from plantation and management point of view or not:

The Divisional Forest Officer, Athamallik has furnished land suitability certificate pertaining to identified non-forest land for raising compensatory afforestation.

(b) Whether land for compensatory afforestation is free from encroachment/other encumbrances:

The Tahsildar, Athamallik has furnished the non-encroachment and non-encumbrance certificate pertaining to non-forest land. Since the report is of the year 2014, a fresh non-encumbrance certificate and a joint verification of both Forest & Revenue Department shall ensure smooth handing over of the non-forest land for raising C.A. plantations unhindered.

(c) Whether land for compensatory afforestation is important from Religious/Archaeological point of view:

Not reported.

(d) Land identified for raising compensatory afforestation is in how many patches, whether patches are compact or not:

As reported, the C.A. land is in 14 patches, totaling to 216.8674 ha in 9 villages.

(e) Map with details:

Submitted.

(f) Total financial outlay:

The Divisional Forest Officer, Athamallik has prepared a site specific compensatory afforestation scheme in Block plantation model for the patch of non-forest land identified in 9 villages as mentioned above under his jurisdiction.

9. Whether proposal involves violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials:

As reported by the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul vide his inspection dated 08.06.2011 and RCCF, Angul vide his inspection dated 09.07.2012, no violation of Forests Conservation Act, 1980 has been committed so far in this project and the same has been ascertained which could not be covered during the site inspection. However, almost a decade has passed from the dates of the inspection of the DFO & RCCF, a joint verification may be carried out and report sought to ascertain the latest position of violation of entire project area. During site inspection of the forest land involved in the project area, no visible violation was noticed by the undersigned.

10. Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not:

As reported, the project involves 466 no. of original Project displaced families and 867 no. of original and extended families. R&R Plan has reportedly been prepared concerning this project.

11. Reclamation plan:

As reported, the phased reclamation plan and afforestation scheme has been submitted. As indicated in the Plan, the total OB generated during initial five years will have to be disposed off in the 2 surface dumps located on southern side of Block because of the shape of the property and laying off of haul road for mining operation. The dumps will be planted first with grass, bushes and then by native trees in consultation with Forest Department OB generated subsequently will be partially backfilled in the excavated area and partially disposed off in the temporary surface dump over the northern portion of the block. The user agency has furnished an undertaking for taking up phased reclamation activities.

Details and financial allocation:

Submitted.

12. Details on catchment and command area under the project:

Not applicable.

Catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir:

Not applicable.

13. Cost benefit ratio:

As indicated by the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul division, the total benefit of this proposal comes to Rs. 89,096.0 Lakhs. The loss on forests including environmental loss, N.P.V cost and other mandatory payments comes to Rs.15,960.0 Lakhs. Hence, the cost benefit ratio comes to 1:5.6.

14. Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/State Government:

Recommended by PCCF, Odisha / State Government.

15. Recommendations of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) along with detailed reasons:

Attached separately.

16. Conservator of Forests (Central) shall give detailed comments on whether there are any alternative routes/alignment for locating the project on the non-forest land:

Not applicable.

17. Utility of the project:

This project will reportedly generate direct employment opportunity for 400 persons directly and indirect employment opportunity for 2000 persons.

Numbers of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes to be benefited by the project:

Not reported.

18.

(a) Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/ religious value:

Not reported.

(b) Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion:

Not reported.

(c) Whether the land under diversion forms part of any unique eco-system:

No archaeological monument or protected defence establishment is located inside the applied area.

19. Situation with respect to any Protected Area:

As reported, the nearest protected area is Satkosia WL Sanctuary, which is about 25 kms km from the project boundary.

20. Any other information relating to the project:

The following are the other observations made during site inspection of the said project:

- Felling of trees in the applied area should be taken up in phased manner strictly as per requirement prescribed in the approved Mining plan with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul. Wherever possible, transplantation of the trees may be undertaken.
- A study may be carried out to evaluate the impact of the proposed mining activity on the level-I aquifers of the proposed site.
- A comprehensive plan for avoiding pollution of the Singhada Jhor and Nuabandha Nalla, to be drafted and approved by the competent authority. Efforts to be made not to divert the natural streams and proper embankment to be done on both sides of the nallas to prevent soil erosion. Care should be taken that in no circumstances, the natural water courses are contaminated with mining effluents.
- The user agency shall undertake restoration of the lease area boundary on the ground posting four feet high cement concrete pillars embedded two feet inside the soil with serial number, forward and backward bearings, and distance from pillar to pillar, since most of the boundary pillars are found missing during the site inspection. The user agency shall also submit the map of lease area showing different kinds of forest land using DGPS survey datas and latitude and longitude of each pillar to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul for his reference before commencement of work on final forest clearance.

Padma Mahanti
16/12/21
(PADMA MAHANTI)
DIGF (CENTRAL)

ANNEXURE-I

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; ANGUL DIVISION
Letter No. 6914 /243/DRP/2021/Dated. 02.09.21

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To

Sri Satya Prakash, Head-commercial Coal
Authorised Signatory
EMIL Mines And Mineral Resources Ltd.
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Kolkata-700017, India

Sub:

Proposal for diversion of non-forestry use of 230.0899 ha. (including 14.1709 ha. safety Zone) of Revenue Forest land for Radhikapur (East) Coal Mines in villages namely nandichod, Gopinathpur Jungle, Jhintipal Jungle, Jhintipal and Kosala under Angul Forest Division of Angul District of Odisha allocated to EMIL Mines And Mineral Resources Ltd (EMMRL) under Forest (Conservation Act-1980).

Ref:

1. Proposal No. 146008/ 2021 State Sl. No. OR- 067/2021 dt. 24.08.2021.
2. Your Letter No.01 dt. 31.08.2021

Sir,

With reference to the above cited letter on the subject, it is to inform that the forest diversion for seeking prior approval of GOI MOEF under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of non-forestry use of 230.0899 ha. (including 14.1709 ha. safety Zone) of Revenue Forest land for Radhikapur (East) Coal Mines in villages namely nandichod, Gopinathpur Jungle, Jhintipal Jungle, Jhintipal and Kosala under Angul Forest Division of Angul District of Odisha allocated to EMIL Mines And Mineral Resources Ltd (EMMRL) (hard copy) has been received in this office on 02.09.2021.

On scrutiny of the above Diversion Proposal, the following deficiencies are noticed.

1. Authorization letter in Original attested by the Company.
2. Part-I in Form-A filled-up in the detail information.
3. Authenticated abstract of detail forest land /non forest land involved to be furnished as furnished below.

PROFORMA

Purpose-wise break up of Forest and non-forest land in Angul Division

Sl No.	Component	Forest land (in ha.)					Non-forest (in ha.)		Total non-forest (8+9)	Total land (in ha.) (7+10)
		RF	PRF	Rev. Forest	DLC	Total Forest (3+4+5+6)	Govt. land	Private land		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

4. The following Certificate is to be obtained from the concerned Tahasildars and enclosed to the DP as required vide letter No. 4822 dt. 12.02.2015 of the Chief Secretary, Odisha.

"Certified that the status of total land in the project (Both Forest and non-forest) as given in the table is as per Govt. records as on 25.10.1980."

5. The abstract of land schedule of non-forest land of each Revenue village, signed by the User Agency, and the Range Officer concerned, duly authenticated by the concerned Tahasildar should be enclosed separately in the following Proforma.

**ABSTRACT OF VILLAGE-WISE NON-FOREST LAND REQUIRED UNDER ANGUL
FOREST DIVISION.**

Sl No.	Village	Total areas required (in Acre)	Remarks
1	2	3	4

6. The abstract of land schedule of Revenue forest and DLC forest of each village signed by the User Agency and Range Officer, concerned duly authenticated by concerned Tahasildar should be enclosed and the DLC status of the land should be mentioned in the Remark column separately.
7. The DLC forest within the applied area should be shown in green colour in all Maps.
8. The area applied for diversion in Angul forest Division should be delineated in distinct ink in the Map showing the alignment to this Office authenticated by the concerned Tahasildars and Range Officer, and plot No. should be mentioned.
9. The C.A. land 216.8675 ha Non-forest Govt. Land has been identified in villagers namely Nuasusaba, Dalimura, Brundabanpur, Nuagaragadabahal under Bamur range and Kuajhari, Kandhal, Barabahal, Satparidia & Khandabar under Handapa Range both Kishornagar Tahasil of Athmallik Forest Division, the scheme for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) prepared and submitted by the Athmallik Forest Division. The revise scheme for Compensatory Afforestation should be prepared to take up plantation using only 18 month old seedlings decided by the PCCF, Odisha at the scheme at current wage rate and fresh map with KML/SHAPE files of the indentified CA land of Athmallik Forest Division. The present certificate required from the concerned Tahasildar for forest land free from encroachment Certificate.

10. As per guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF & CC communicated by the Special Secretary to Govt. F&E Deptt. vide their memo No. 22488 dt. 02.12.2016 all the documents of all proposals should be with ink signature and stamp with relevant Officers

11. As per check list the tree enumeration should be present enumerate the species-wise and girth class wise enumeration list and abstract of trees both forest and Non-Forest Land included in the Diversion Proposal is mandatory.

Hence, the diversion proposal received vide your letter under reference is returned herewith through EDS to comply with the above deficiencies and re-submit the complete Diversion proposal in all respect immediately for taking further action at this end.
Encl:- As above.
DP- 5(five) sets.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]
Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Division

Memo No. 6915 / Dated. 02.09.21

Copy submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer, Athmallik Division for favour of information and necessary action. He is requested to submit the revise scheme for Compensatory Afforestation should be prepared take up plantation using only 18 month old seedlings decided by the PCCF, Odisha at the scheme at current wage rate and fresh map with KML/SHAPE files.

[Signature]
Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Division

Memo No. 6916 / Dated. 02.09.21

Copy submitted to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle for favour of information and necessary action.

[Signature]
Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Division

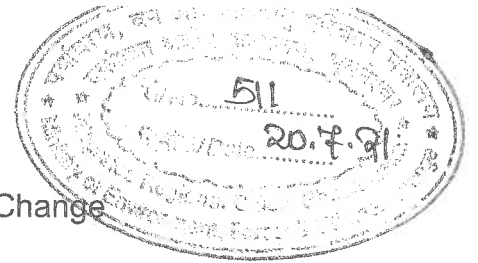
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Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for favour of information and necessary action.

[Signature]
Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Division

ANNEXURE-II

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



Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: 21st June, 2021

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 230.0899 ha (including 14.1709 ha in safety zone) of Forest Land for Radhikapur (East) Coal Mine of M/s Tata Sponge Iron Ltd. in villages namely Nandichod, Gopinathpur Jungle, Jhintipal, Jhintipal Jungle and Kosala under Angul Forest Division of Angul district of Odisha - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 11.04.2014 on the above subject conveying withhold of the process of the approval of the extant proposal and Addl. Secretary, Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal's DO dated 30.03.2021 requesting facilitation of the proposal submitted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to convey the revocation of letter of even number dated 11.04.2014 of the Ministry.

Further, examination of the proposal in the Ministry revealed that extant proposal was submitted almost 7 years back and during the intervening period there are likely chances that various attributes related to the proposal might have been changed and also the various guidelines have been issued by the Ministry during the said period. It is therefore, desired that updated information in respect of various attributes of the proposal may be furnished by the State as under:

- i. Update the proposal in light of relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry during the intervening period and submit the same along with KML/SHAPE files of the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising CA.
- ii. Update the proposal on various parameters of the project, as mentioned in guidelines para 5.4 of comprehensive guidelines including tree crops and change in the legal status of forest land involved in the project
- iii. A confirmation that no non-forestry activity in the forest land proposed for non-forestry use has been taken by the previous user agency in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

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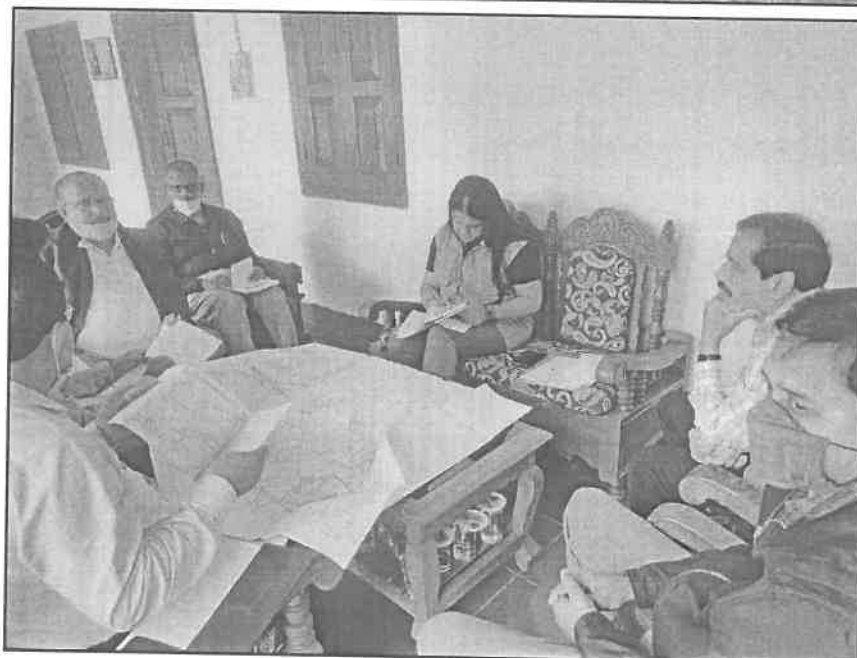
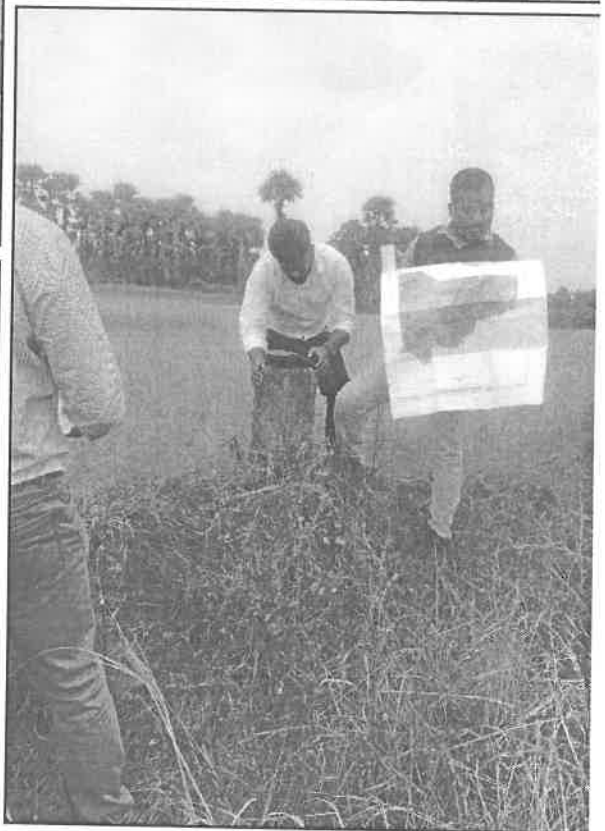
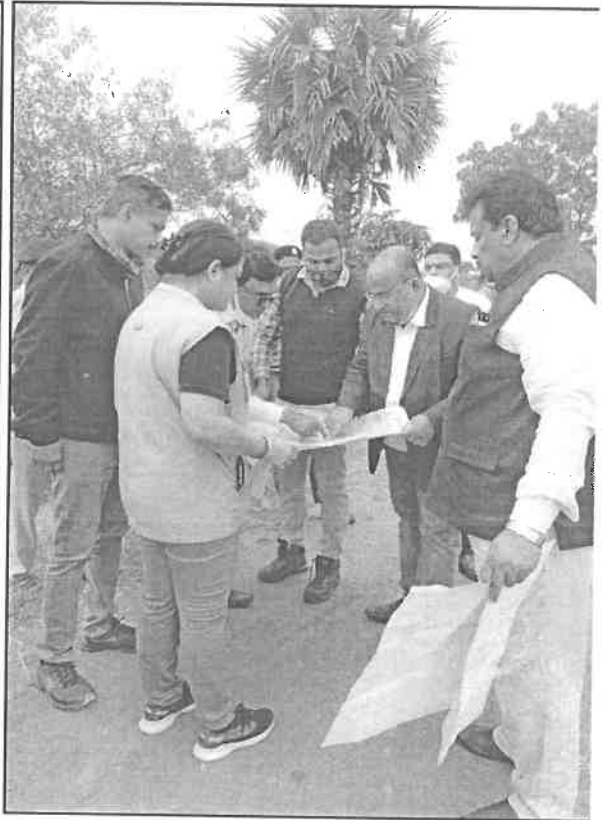
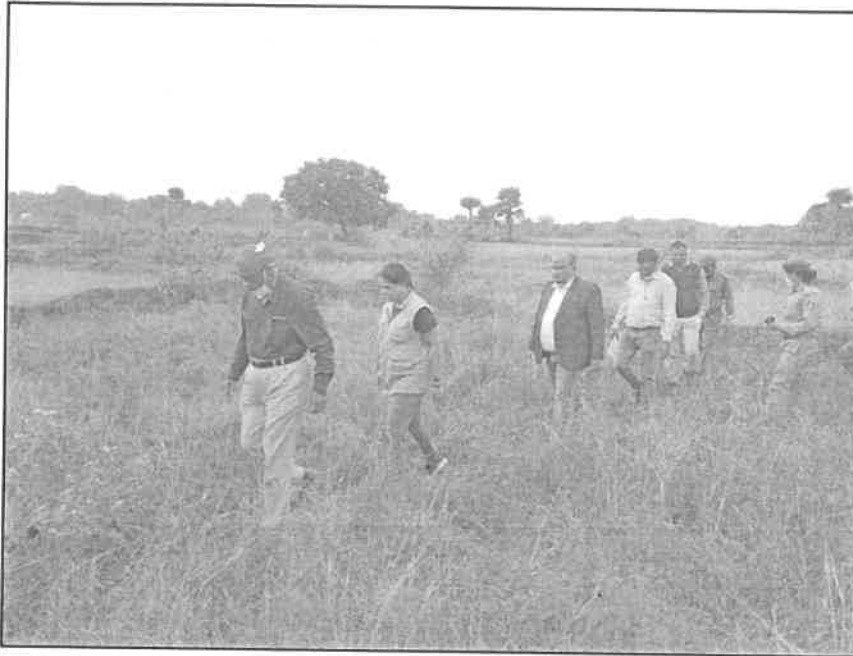
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Copy to:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
 2. Regional Officer (Central); Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar with a request **to inspect the area and submit an inspection report to the Ministry for further needful**
 3. Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
 4. Monitoring Cell of FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
 5. Guard file.
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Site Inspection photographs of Radhikapur East Project Site (Coal Mining)



Discussion with RCCF, DFO and User Agency