

**F. No. 8-147/1989-FC (Pt. 1)**  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Government of India  
(FC Division)  
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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi: 110003,

**Dated: December, 2018**

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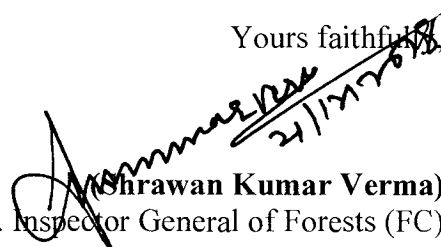
The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),  
Regional Office,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of additional 230.20 ha of forest land including 3.806 ha of forest land within safety zone in addition to already diverted 350.706 ha of forest land within total project area of 1384.767 ha (as indicated in latest approved Mining Plan) for Samaleswari OCP Expansion (Phase-IV) rated capacity 15.0 MTY of Mahandi Coalfields Ltd. in IB-Valley Area, Brajarajnagar Dist. Jharsuguda, Odisha.**

Sir,

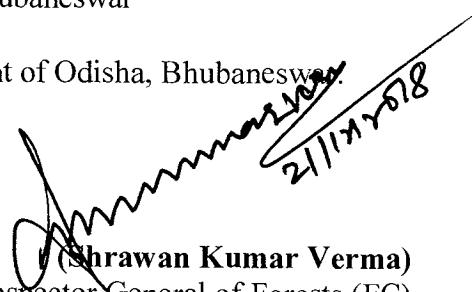
I am directed to refer to the State Govt. of Orissa's letter No. 10F (Cons) 171/2018/25381/F&E dated 24.11.2018 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may kindly inspect the forest land proposed for diversion and submit a report to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Shrawan Kumar Verma)  
Dy. Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:**

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

  
(Shrawan Kumar Verma)  
Dy. Inspector General of Forests (FC)