



**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
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No. 5658 /4F (Misc.) /Dated. 14 /10/2024

To

The Project Officer,
Kulda Expansion OCP,
Basundhara Area of MCL.

Sub: - Proposal towards seeking clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India for diversion of **134.69 ha** of forest land for Kulda Expansion Open Cast Project of Basundhara Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.
(Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/50293/2020, State Sl. No. OR-050/2021 dt.08.07.2021).

Ref: - 1) Letter No. 8-7/2024-FC Dated 11.06.2024 of MoEF &CC, GoI (FC Division).
2) Memo No.18385 dt.10.09.2024 of CF (Nodal) O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha.
3) This Office letter No.5152 dt.20.09.2024.
4) Your letter No.914 dt.12.10.2024.

Sir,

With reference to the letter cited above, the observation raised vide condition No.(ii) by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC-Act, as per new notification by MoEF & CC, Government of India, the degraded forest land already identified for compensatory Afforestation purpose for the year, 2022 and which will be sent to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC-Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF(O) vide Memo under reference, against the proposed diverted land for Kulda Expansion OCP of MCL.

Now, it was required to check, if there is any encroachment or plantation ⁱⁿ of proposed CA land, in the mean time, in the identified Compensatory Afforestation area in Padripani RF, Sidarmunda RF, Panikholia RF & Punjipahad RF.

Therefore, you are requested to contact with the Range Officer, Gopalpur to conduct field verification of the above CA area and report compliance.

Yours faithfully,

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Divisional Forest Officer,
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Copy forwarded to the Range Officer, Gopalpur Range for information and necessary action.

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