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Memo No. 4985 /5F.FC-108//2023 dated. 09.11-20

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The Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division.

- Sub:- Seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 44.64 ha. forest land and 13.09 ha Lookalike forest (Total 57.73 ha) for coal mining at Bharatpur Open cast expansion project at Bharatpur area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited(MCL).
- Ref:- Your Memo No. 6427 dated 11.10.2023 and this office Memo No.4848 dated 6.11.2023.

On scrutiny of the above proposal submitted vide your memo under reference the following observations are made which may be complied immediately.

- 1. It is to inform you that the User Agency has submitted Compensatory Afforestation scheme over Degraded Forest Land identified in Sunajhari RF of Bhuban Range and Ramei RF of Sadangi Range in Dhenkanal Division. As per Rule, 11 of Forest (Conservation) Rule, 2022, the MCL being a Central PSU and executing the proposal over 44.64 ha forest land + 584.88 ha. non-forest land) is not eligible for use of Degraded Forest Land for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation . Hence, the User Agency is required to identify the CA land over non-forest area only. In this connection, the guidelines issued by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC vide letter dated 21.08.2023 may also be referred to.
- 2. The required information in column No.16 of the site inspection report need to be revised as required in the column.
- 3. Further, during site inspection of the above project on 9.11.2023, it is observed that :
 - i) There is mismatch of the pillar numbers in the field with reference to the DGPS Map.
 - ii) All Pillar Posting have not been done.
 - iii) There is encroachment in few patches of the site which has not been reported in the site inspection report of the DFO.

In view of the above, the proposal submitted vide your memo under reference is returned herewith for resubmission of the proposal duly complying the observations to this office at the earliest.

Encl:- As above.

23 Regional Chief Conservator of Forests Angul.

Memo No. 4986/Dated- 09-11-23

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa for favour of information with reference to Memo No. 6428 dated 11.10.2023 of the DFO, Angul Division.

> Regional Chief Conservator of Forests Angul.

Memo No. <u>1987</u> Dated- 09-11-23 Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Bharatpur area for information and necessary action.

> Regional Chief Conservator of Forests Angul