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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 28th March, 2017

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 29.41 ha of forest land (20.89 ha fresh forest land and 8.52 ha of forest land for re-diversion out of already diverted forest area of 227.89 ha for Kulda OCP of Mahanandi Coalfields Ltd.) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) by M/s Mahanandi Coalfields Limited.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 10F (Cons) 91/2016/16137/F&E dated 29.08.2016 as received from Regional Office, Bhubaneswar vide their letter no. 5.ORC291/2016-BHU dated 01.11.2016 in connection with prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 28th February, 2017. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 28th February, 2017 is placed on the website of this Ministry: **www. Forrestclearance.nic.in**. After thorough deliberation in the said FAC meeting, the FAC *inter-alia* recommended that:

1. State Government shall submit copy of R&R plan duly approved by competent authority.
2. The layout of proposed washery shall be changed to the extent that the patch of forest coming under proposed land for diversion could be avoided.
3. CA site shall be revised.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit information/documents, as indicated above to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

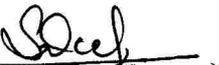
Yours faithfully


(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
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