

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

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To

The DDGF (Central),
MoEF&CC's, Integrated Regional Office,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Odisha Coal & Power Ltd (OCPL) for non-forestry use of 342.87 ha of forest land for development of Dip Side Manoharpur Coal Mining Project in Sundargarh District of Sundargarh Forest Division, Odisha (Online Proposal no. FP/OR/MIN/37631/2018).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0016-2023-3667 dated 27.02.2023 and additional information submitted on 29.08.2023 on the above-mentioned subject proposal, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal was discussed in the Advisory Committee held on 14.11.2023. After thorough deliberation and discussion with CF (FCA), GoO and DDGF (Central), RO Bhubaneswar the Advisory Committee deferred the proposal with observations that as huge patch of the forest land i.e. 51.64 ha is proposed to be used for dumping which is a non-site specific activity, a detailed review is required from the state side.

In view of the Government of Odisha is requested to submit the above information as desired by the Advisory Committee at an earliest for further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Dr. D. Manjunath)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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1. Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.