



**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF, ODISHA,
ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR**

Memo No.

1047

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Dated, Bhubaneswar the

17th January, 2022

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Rourkela Circle

Sub:- Proposal seeking clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India for diversion of 342.870 ha forest land for non-forestry purpose towards development of Dip Side of Manoharpur Coal Mining Project of Odisha Coal & Power Ltd.

(FP/OR/MIN/37631/2018, Sl. No.OR-061/2020 dated 03.11.2020)

Ref: Your Memo No. 3855 dated 22.12.2021.

With reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that, on scrutiny of the above diversion proposal the following deficiencies are noticed:

1. Ministry of Coal, Government of India vide S.O. No. 529 dated 16.07.2020 declared acquisition of land measuring 684.62 ha (Revenue land 405.89 ha & Forest land 278.73 ha) under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957 for Dip side Manoharpur Coal Block, IB Valley Coal fields in Hemgiri Tahasil of Sundargarh District, published in Gazette of India. Besides, 684.62 ha; it is proposed for utilization of 95.82 ha (64.14 ha of Forest land + 31.68 ha Revenue Forest land) in the diversion proposal for ancillary activities outside Coal Block. Necessary documents in support of allotment/ acquisition of 95.82 ha of forest and non-forest land is not furnished in the diversion proposal.
2. Revenue forest proposed for diversion in village Sarabahal is 8.18 ha, but as per the land schedule authenticated by the Tahasildar, Hemgir; it is coming to 7.37 ha. There is shortage of 0.81 ha area.
3. **Compensatory Afforestation**
(i) It is mentioned that 342.90 ha non-forest land in 09 villages have been identified for CA. But the area comes to 267.00 ha as per KML file. There is shortage of 75.90 ha CA land.

- (ii) It is observed from the KML file that some area out of 267.00 ha fall in the State of Chhatisgarh (village Laxmanpa & Kunjanala) & Jharkhand (Village Galehibahal).
- (iii) Although DGPS survey of CA land has been done, but the same has not been vetted by ORSAC.
- (iv) CA Scheme has not been prepared as per the guidelines issued vide O.O No. 1109 dated 08.11.2021, Memo No.20565 dated 01.12.2021 and Memo No. 21393 dated 13.12.2021 of PCCF & HoFF, Odisha.
- (v) Equivalent non-forest land suitable for CA should be identified and extent of area determined through DGPS survey duly vetted by ORSAC to fulfill the criteria of loss of "Land by Land".
- (vi) Seedlings @ minimum 1000/ ha of the proposed forest land for diversion is required to be planted to fulfill the criteria of loss of "Tree by Tree".
- (vii) The CA Scheme is required to be revisited and revised scheme to be submitted as per the guidelines issued by the MoEF & CC and from this office.
4. Treatment map showing phased reclamation not submitted.
 5. Document in support of application for obtaining certificate under FRA, 2006 from the concerned District Collector not submitted.
 6. Presence of Barking Deer, Wild boar, Jackal, Fox, Indian Hare and Mongoose etc. wild animals is mentioned in the Site Inspection Report. It is also mentioned that Elephants are visiting area occasionally. Nothing is mentioned regarding requirement of SSWLCP at the time of recommendation of the proposal.
 7. Sample tree enumeration has been done over 45.603 ha in 28 sample plots as mentioned in the diversion proposal to assess the number of trees existing in the proposed area; but not extrapolated. The number of trees to be cut and removed should be extrapolated separately for forest and non-forest land. The tree species existing over the area should be mentioned.
 8. It is proposed to change the course of natural stream i.e. "**Garia nala**" coming within the proposed coal bearing area. Detailed approved plan by the competent authority has not been submitted.
 9. The Letter of Authority has been issued in favour of Mr. Nihar Ranjan Satpathy, Deputy General Manager (Mines); but the documents and maps have been signed by persons other than the authorized signatory.

10. Document furnished regarding Environmental Clearance is illegible, a fresh clear copy is to be given. Documents and maps may be put in sequence as per check list of the diversion proposal.

11. KML file/ shape file of proposed forest area for diversion is not furnished.

In view of the above, the diversion proposal is returned herewith in triplicate for re-submission with necessary compliance at an early date.

Encl: DP in triplicate

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17/01/22
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

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Copy forwarded to Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

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Copy forwarded to Sri Nihar Ranjan Satpathy, AGM, Odisha Coal and Power Limited, Zone A, Ground Floor, Fortune Towers, Chandrasekharpur- 751023 for information and necessary action.

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Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act