

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; ANGUL DIVISION: ANGUL.

Memo No. 593 /DRP/2023/Dated. 18.01.2024

To

The General Manager, Hingula Area,
At/PO- Danara Talcher, Angul-759148.

Sub: - Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central government under Section- 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited, for non-forestry use of 193.845 ha forest land within Mining Lease area over 1265.00 Ha. of Balram Open Cast Expansion (15 MTY) Coal Block of MCL under Angul Forest Division of Angul District, Odisha.

: - Submission of compliance report.

Ref: -
1. Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/59166/2020.
2. State Sl. No. OR-025/2021 dt. 05.04.2021.
3. File No. 8-143/1989-FC(Vol) dt. 31.10.2023 of GoI, MoEF & CC.
4. Memo No. 22987 dt. 03.11.2023 of OSD-cum-SS to Govt.
5. This office memo No. 7131 dt. 07.11.2023.
6. Your letter No. 418 dt. 27.12.2023.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited memo No. on the captioned subject, it is to inform that the proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central government under Section- 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited, for non-forestry use of 193.845 ha forest land within Mining Lease area over 1265.00 Ha. of Balram Open Cast Expansion (15 MTY) Coal Block of MCL under Angul Forest Division of Angul District, Odisha is under process for Stage-I approval.

In view of the above, on scrutiny of the above diversion proposal by the Dy. Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Department (Forest Conservation Division) has noted shortcomings vide file No. 8-143/1989-FC(Vol) dt. 31.10.2023 which were forwarded by the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government of Odisha, Forest Environment & Climate Change Department vide memo No. under reference (4).

The user agency had been requested to submit the point wise compliance report with all connecting documents to this office for onward transmission to the higher quarters in due time vide this office letter No. 7131 dt. 07.11.2023.

Now, you have submitted the point wise compliance report vide his Letter No. under reference (6).


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on scrutiny of the above diversion proposal and the following shortcomings are

- i. **In context of observation point No. (iv)** You have submitted the site inspection report of Sri A.T. Mishra, Dy. Director General of Forests, Central. Necessary point wise compliance report of earlier approved area of 85.201 ha vide Ministry's letter dt. 28.09.1990 for Kalinga OCP (Now Balaram OCP) Coal mining needs to be submitted.
- ii. **In context of observation point No. (v)** You are requested to deposit an amount of = **Rs 10,46,77,097/-** towards the cost of NPV for earlier approved area of 85.201 ha vide Ministry's letter dt. 28.09.1990 for Kalinga OCP (Now Balaram OCP) Coal mining demand letter has been sent vide this office letter No. 580 dt. 16.01.2024.
- iii. **In context of observation point No. (vi)** It has been noticed that plantation are more than two ~~decade~~^{decade} old. You are requested to submit the details of non-forest land to be mutated in favour of Forest Department before and after Stage-II separately.


Hence, you are requested to submit the point wise compliance report with all connecting documents to this office for onward transmission to the higher quarters in due time for taking further action at this end for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully


Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Division


Memo No. 594 / Dated. 18-01-2024

Copy forwarded to Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle, Angul for kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 22987 dt. 03.11.2023 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government.


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Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer FC Act O/O the PCCF Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 22987 dt. 03.11.2023 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government.


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