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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; ANGUL DIVISION: ANGUL

Letter No. 9468 DRP/2022/Dated. 27.12.22

To

General Manager, MCL,
Bharatpur Area.

Sub: -

Proposal for seeking approval of Central Government under section 2 of the forest conservation Act, 1980 for Diversion of 44.64 ha Forest land for Coal Mining at Bharatpur Open Cast Expansion Project at Bharatpur Area of Mahanadi Coalfield Limited of Angul District.

Ref:

1. Proposal No. FP/OR/Min/153736/2022.
2. Your Letter No.480 dt. 19.12.2022

Sir,

With reference to the above cited letter on the subject, it is to inform that the Proposal for seeking approval of Central Government under section 2 of the forest conservation Act, 1980 for Diversion of 44.64 ha Forest land for Coal Mining at Bharatpur Open Cast Expansion Project at Bharatpur Area of Mahanadi Coalfield Limited of Angul District (hard copy) has been received in this office on 21.12.2022.

On scrutiny of the above Diversion Proposal, the following deficiencies are noticed.

1. Proper Check list should be properly filled in mentioning the page number and all necessary undertakings required as per check list should be enclosed.
2. The DLC forest within the applied area should be shown in green colour in all Maps.
3. As per para 3.1(i) of the Guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (FC Act) Compensatory Afforestation is one of the most important conditions stipulated by the Central Government while approving proposals for de-reservation or diversion of forest land for non-forest uses. It was essential that for all such proposals, a comprehensive scheme for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) was formulated and submitted to MoEF for necessary approval. In the instant case, without identification of Compensatory Afforestation land in lieu of the forest land to be diverted for the above project, you have submitted the above forest diversion proposal.

Compensatory Afforestation:

As per File No. 8-07/2020-FC dt. 12.03.2021 of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Forest Conservation Division (copy enclosed). The proposal for CA on notified degraded forest under the management control of the Forest Department was accepted. Nodal Officer shall give a certificate that no afforestation/plantation has been taken up under any plan / programme /scheme on the proposed CA land in the last ten years. However, given the fact that Talcher coal mining area

involves very large forest area and the same would need to be properly compensated, future forest- diversion proposals in the area will be accepted with C.A on degraded notified forest area on the following conditions:

- a. State Government issues a certificate that degraded forest land outside notified forests is not available for CA purpose, and
 - b. Nodal Officer Certifies that no afforestation/ plantation has been taken up under any plan/ programme/ scheme in the degraded notified forest area proposed for CA in the last ten years.
4. As per item No. 19 of check list species-wise and girth class wise enumeration list and abstract of trees of Non-Forest Land included in the Diversion Proposal is mandatory.
 5. Undertaking NPV, Addl. NPV, CA, Addl. CA, Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan, Regional Wildlife Management Plan, FRA Certificate, Certificate minimum use of land and SMC.
 6. The Plot No. 900 to 905 of village Telipasi and Plot No. 211 of village Soleda have visible forest growth. It is therefore required that proposal may be revised to include these or other similar patches, if any, in diversion proposal.
 7. A number of natural stream passes through the mining lease area. Undertaking regarding their maintenance and SMC measures to be provided.
 8. Stage-II compliance of earlier approvals related to payment to be submitted.

Hence, the diversion proposal received vide your letter under reference is returned herewith through EDS to comply with the above deficiencies and re-submit the complete Diversion proposal in all respect immediately for taking further action at this end.

Encl: - As above.


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Yours faithfully


Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Division

Memo No. 9469 / Dated. 27.12.22

Copy submitted to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle for favour of information and necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Division