



OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
ROURKELA CIRCLE, AT/P.O. PANPOSH, ROURKELA-769 004.

Memo No. 3629 /3F(Misc)-323/2019 Date: 24.12.2019

To
The Divisional Forest Officer,
Bonai Division.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.91 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s Mahakali Ispat (P) Ltd. for setting of Pollution Control Tank in village Gurundupali of Bonai Tehsil of Sundargarh District, Odisha.
(Proposal No. FP/OR/IND/42155/2019, State Sl. No. OR-072/2019 dated 30.09.2019)

Ref: Your Memo No.8318 Dtd.19.12.2019 of the DFO, Bonai Division.

The diversion proposal submitted vide your Memo under reference needs clarification and information on the following points:

1. The item wise break up of land required for the project as submitted by the User Agency at Page-15 is as follows:

Sl No.	Purpose	Village Forest (in ha.)	Non-forest (in ha.)	Total Land (in ha)
1.	Factory	-	5.467	5.467
2.	Pollution Control Tank	0.91	-	0.910
Total:-		0.91	5.467	6.377

You have also reported that the project area of 6.377 ha. consists of 0.91 ha. of forest land and 5.467 ha. of non-forest land giving its break-up as follows:

Forest Division	Forest Range	TOTAL FOREST LAND REQUIRED (in ha.)				Total Non-forest land required (in ha.)	Grand Total
		PRF	Revenue Forest	DLC Forest	Total Forest		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bonai	Bonai	-	0.91	-	0.91	5.467	6.377


This indicates that, out of 6.377 ha. of total land required for the project, 5.467 ha. is Non-Forest Land on which Mahakali Ispat Pvt. Ltd. (User Agency) has established a Sponge Iron Plant at Gurundupali, Bonai Tahasil, District-Sundargarh, Odisha and 0.91 ha of Forest land is now required for Pollution Control Tank. It needs to be clarified as to how the Sponge Iron Plant has been set up by the User Agency in deviation of Para 4.4 of the guideline under Forest (Conservation) Act,1980.

2. The factory area and the proposed Pollution Control Tank should be depicted in the concerned village sheet for ascertaining the location of factory vis-a-vis the Pollution Control Tank.

3. There is no mention either in the Diversion Proposal or in your forwarding Memo regarding the justification of the Pollution Control Tank for this project and whether any direction has been issued or condition has been imposed by any authority for construction of the Pollution Control Tank. Further, there is no mention in the proposal about the design, components, nature of construction etc. of the proposed Pollution Control Tank and its linkage with the Sponge Iron Plant.
4. It is also seen from the Project Report, enclosed as Annexure-VIII/DP that, there is no mention of the Pollution Control Tank as one of project components.
5. In the diversion proposal, vide Annexure-XIII, "**Detailed enumeration list of trees inside Mahakali Ispat Pvt. Ltd. at Gurundupali under Bonai Forest Range over 0.91 ha. of Forest land**" has been enclosed alongwith its abstract, which indicates that the applied forest area of 0.91 ha. exists within the project area of Mahakali Ispat Pvt. Ltd. It needs to be clarified if the proposed forest land has been under the occupation of the User Agency.
6. From the girth and approximate height of the enumerated trees, it appears that trees are either of plantation origin or coppice growth. This may also be clarified that if the enumerated trees are of natural origin or planted ones. In case of plantation, the name of the Agency who executed the plantation on the forest land with its authority may be intimated.
7. You have also not proposed for implementation of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan in the project area or project impact area.


You are, therefore, requested to please submit your compliance with the above observations immediately for further action at this end.

Encl: As above.

 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle


Memo No. 3630 /Date: 24.12.2019

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.8319 Dtd.19.12.2019 of the DFO, Bonai Division.

 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 3631 Date: 24.12.2019

Copy forwarded to M/s Mahakali Ispat (P) Ltd., WW/6. Civil Township, in front of Tarini Mandir, Rourkela-769004 for information necessary action with reference to Memo No.8320 Dtd.19.12.2019 of DFO, Bonai Division.

 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle