

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

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Dated: 24th December, 2021

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)
Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 349.709 ha forest land within total mining lease area of 2290.449 ha in Siarmal Open Cast Coal Mining Project of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Sundargarh District, Odisha.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter no. 18581/9F(MG)-35/2021 dated 03.11.2021 on the above subject forwarding additional information sought by the Ministry vide its letter of even number dated 5.10.2021 and inspection report submitted by the IRO, vide their letter dated 6.12.2021 and to say that examination of said information in the Ministry revealed that significant area within the identified degraded forest for the purpose of CA, is falling in the MDF category. As per the concerned guidelines such lands can not be accepted for CA.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government of identify suitable area in lieu of area falling under MDF category and intimate the same (alongwith its kml file) to Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(Charan Jeet Singh)

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