



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

Memo No. 34 9 /3F(Misc)-873/2024 Date: 31.1.2024.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,

Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub:

Proposal for diversion of 134.69 ha of forest land for Expansion of Kulda Open cast Coal Mining Project of Basundhara Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Sundargarh district of Sundargarh Forest Division. (Proposal No: FP/OR/MIN/50293/2020, State Serial No. OR-050/2021 dated 08.07.2021)

Ref:

1. Your Memo No. 21491 Dtd.03.11.2023

2. Memo No.771 Dtd.30.01.2024 of the DFO, Sundargarh Division.

With reference to the aforementioned Memos on the captioned subject, the DFO, Sundargarh Division vide his Memo No.770 Dtd.30.10.2024 addressed to this office and copy thereof endorsed to you in the next Memo of even date has submitted the compliance with discrepancies noticed vide your aforecited Memo which may kindly be perused.

The compliance submitted by the DFO, Sundargarh Division are as follows:-

1. This office has issued a letter vide memo No.7002 dt. 31.03.2018 related to a complaints on non-compliance of provision of PESA Act 1996, FRA, 2006, & LARR Act, 2013, Environment Clearance, Consent To Establish and Consent To Operate by the Kulda Opencast Coal Mining project of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. in Sundargarh district. Which was in reference to the letter No. 8-287/CE dated 08.03.2018 of Conservator of Forests (Central), MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

As reported by the DFO, Sundargarh Division, the the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to the effect that there is no such non-compliance of provision of PESA Act 1996, FRA, 2006 & LARR Act, 2013, Environment Clearance, Consent To Establish and Consent To Operate by the Kulda Opencast Coal Mining Project. (Copy attached as *Annexure-I*)

2. The proposed proposal involves the forest land over 134.69 Ha, which includes Lalma RF 83.24 ha as per RoR. But, it comes over 92.943 ha in ORSAC vetted DGPS map which is 11.65% in excess.

As reported by the DFO, Sundargarh Division, the User Agency has submitted rectified ORSAC vetted DGPS map, which has been attached as **Annexure-II**. The area of Lalma as per authenticated land schedule is 83.24 Ha and as per the latest rectified ORSAC vetted DGPS map is 83.55 Ha.

3. The land schedule of forest land for Kulda Expansion OCP of Tumulia village as per RoR, submitted in this DP duly signed by all the concerned differs from ORSAC vetted DGPS surveyed in respect of plots. The user agency is asked to rectify. The details is furnished below:-

Land schedule of forest land of Tumulia village

As per RoR				As per ORSAC vetted DGPS surveyed map			
SI. No.	Khata No.	Plot No.	Area acquired in Ac	SI. No.	Patch	Plot No.	Area acquired in Ac
1	260	2103(P)	1.49	1	Patch - K	2082	13.35
2	260	2125(P)	1.72	2		2095	15.00
3	258	2095	15.00	3		2097	7.38
4	260	2097(P)	7.38	4		2135	1.72
5	260	2177(P)	6.20	5		2166	11.42
6	258	2169(P)	32.05	6		2169	32.05
7	260	2166	11.42	7		2240	0.90
8	260	2240	0.90	8	Patch - L	2103	1.49
9	258	2136	9.36	9	Patch - N	2177(P)	5.18
10	260	2233	0.96				
11	260	2235	0.37				
12	260	2264	0.88				
13	260	2217	0.46				
14	260	2188	1.44				
		Total	89.63 Ac. Or 36.27 Ha.			Total	88.49 Ac. Or 35.81 Ha.

In this context I am directed to request you to furnish the compliance to the the above deficiencies immediately for further course of action at this end at an earliest.

The DFO, Sundargarh Division has reported that the User Agency has submitted rectified ORSAC vetted DGPS map consisting of 14 nos. of plots namely - 2103(P), 2125(P), 2095, 2097(P), 2177(P), 2169(P), 2166, 2240, 2136, 2133, 2235, 2264, 2217, 2188 of Tumulia village as per the authenticated land schedule submitted along with the proposal, which has been attached as Annexure - III. The total area of all the plots under Tumulia village as per authenticated land schedule is 35.81 Ha and as per the latest rectified ORSAC vetted DGPS map is 35.97 Ha. The index map consisting of all the plots involved in Forest diversion proposal has been attached as Annexure-IV.

This is for favour of your kind information & necessary action.

Encl: As above(4 sets).

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle

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Memo No. 350 Date: 31.1.2014.
Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.770 Dtd.30.1.2024.

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