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ଖଣ୍ଡାଇ ବନାଧିକାରୀଙ୍କ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟ ଝାରସୁଗୁଡ଼ା ବନଖଣ୍ଡ ।

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Memo No. 2484 /4F (Misc.),
Dated Jharsuguda the 02nd May, 2023.

To,

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Sambalpur.

Sub: - Proposal for non-forestry use of 417.073 ha. & Re-diversion (Change of Land use) of 171.774 ha. forest land in favour of M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for Integrated Lakhanpur-Belpahar-Lilari Open Cast Coal Mining Project in district Jharsuguda (Odisha)-reg.

Ref: - (i) Letter No.8-280/1989-FCVOI. Dt.01.03.2023 of the MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
(ii) Memo No. 4796, dt.10.03.2023 of the Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, BBSR.

In inviting a kind reference to the memo cited above on the captioned subject, I submit herewith the point wise compliance report on the observations raised by the Forest Advisory Committee, MoEF & CC, Govt. of India for favour of kind information & necessary action.

(i) The proposal wise KML file of the 541.622 ha forest area which has been already diverted shall be submitted by the State Government.

In compliance to the above, a KML file comprising of forest land diverted for an area of 541.622 Ha in Lakhanpur OCP, Belpahar OCP and Lilari OCP has been enclosed in CD form.

(ii) With respect to the monitoring of the conditions stipulated in the approval granted for 12.70 ha of forest land, the monitoring report submitted by IRO mentions that, action has been initiated by the State authorities in 2004 but updated status has not been provided. The updated status in this regard shall be provided by the State Government.

In compliance to the above, OR case No.113 of 96/97, OR Case No.120 of 97/98, OR case No.125 of 97/98, OR case No.17 of 1999/2000, OR case No.18 of 1999/2000 of Belpahar Range have been booked against the MCL authorities at that time.

Further, the DFO of erstwhile Sambalpur Forest Division has also issued show cause notice against MCL authorities i.e. Sri A.K. Sharma, Ex. C.M.D, MCL, Sri B.N. Mishra, Ex-GM and Sri A.K. Bandopadhyaya, Ex-Project Manager, Lilari OCP. The DFO had also seized two nos of dumpers under section-37 and 56 of Orissa Forest Act. which were forcibly taken away by offenders. In this regard, a GR case has also been registered in Belpahar Police Station vide Belpahar P.S. Case No.33-1999/2000.

SI No.	Case No.	Current Status	Remarks
1	OR case No.113 of 96/97	*Prosecution Report has not been filed in the Court	As per available records of this office, no prosecution report has been filed in the court
2	OR Case No.120 of 97/98		
3	OR case No.125 of 97/98		
4	OR case No.17 of 1999/2000		As per available records of this office and from what has been mentioned by the DFO, Sambalpur North Forest Division in his Site Inspection Report on dt.09.03.2004
5	OR case No.18 of 1999/2000		
6	Belpahar P.S. Case No.33-1999/2000	Pending in the court of the Hon'ble SDJM, Jharsuguda.	As per report of the Inspector In-Charge, Belpahar Police Station, Jharsuguda District.

Explanation of (*)

As mentioned above SI No.1,2 &3: As per available records of this office, against the OR case No.113 of 96/97, OR Case No.120 of 97/98, OR case No.125 of 97/98 no prosecution report has been filed in the court at that time, as *(The documentary evidence is enclosed in Annexure-I)*


SI No.4 &5: Against the OR case No.17 of 1999/2000, OR case No.18 of 1999/2000 of Belpahar Range, the prosecution report has not been filed in the court. In this regard, Penal Compensatory Afforestation of Rs.20,39,450/- has been paid by the User Agency, as mentioned by the DFO, Sambalpur North Forest Division in his Site Inspection Report on dt.09.03.2004*(The documentary evidence is enclosed in Annexure-III.)* The penal compensatory Afforestation of 138 Ha, four times the area under violation, has been raised over degraded forest land in Grindola RF by erstwhile DFO, Sambalpur Division.

SI No.6: The above case is pending in the court of the Hon'ble SDJM, Jharsuguda for appearance on 24.07.2023, as per report of the Inspector In-Charge, Belpahar Police Station, Jharsuguda District (*The documentary evidence is enclosed in Annexure-II*)

(iii) With regards to monitoring of the conditions regarding the site-specific Wildlife Management Plan (WLMP), it is mentioned that Plan has been prepared and corresponding financial budget has been deposited by the user agency in to the account of CAMPA during 2011-2012. However, status of implementation of the WLMP and expenditure incurred thereon has not been given. The State government shall provide the detail in this regard.

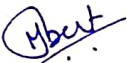
In compliance to above, no funds has been allotted by the higher authority to this office regarding Site-Specific Wildlife Management Plan. Hence, the Site-Specific Wildlife Management Plan has not yet been implemented by this Division.

Encl: Compliance report (4 copies)


Divisional Forest Officer,
Jharsuguda Forest Division.

Memo No. 2485 /Dated. 02 .05.2023.

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the PCCF &HoFF, Odisha, BBSR for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his letter No. 4795/9F(MG)-372/2021, dt.10.03.2023.


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