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Memo No. 2844 /5F-FC-04/2024 dated 31.7.24

To

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

Sub: -

Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central government under Section- 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited, for non-forestry use of 193.845 ha forest land within Mining Lease area over 1265.00 Ha. of Balram Open Cast Expansion (15 MTY) Coal Block of MCL under Angul Forest Division of Angul District, Odisha.

Ref: -

- (i) Letter No.8-143/1989-FC (Vol) dated 30.10.2023 of GoI, MoEF & CC.
(iii) Your memo No. 7441/ 9F (MG)304/2023 dated 04.04.2024.

In inviting a reference to the memo cited above on the subject this is to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division vide his Memo No.3064 dated 24.04.2024, Memo No.3852 dated 21.5.2024 and No.5859 dated 31.7.2024 (**Copy enclosed**) has submitted point-wise compliance on the observation made vide your memo under reference . The point-wise compliance is furnished below :-

Observation in
point No. (iii)

As per condition (ii) of the Forest Clearance vide L. No.8-143/89-FC dt.28.09.1990, the NFL land provided for CA must be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and declared as PF before release of applied forest land being diverted through Forest Clearance. In the meanwhile, 24 years have been elapsed but the allotted NFL for CA has only been mutated in the name of Forest Department. No attempt has been made to declare the transferred and mutated land as "PF". The same needs to be complied.

Compliance:-

In compliance to the observation, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to submit the copy of PF Notification as soon as notified by Govt. of Odisha, FE&CC Department. The undertaking is enclosed as **Annexure-I**. In this connection, the DFO, Rourkela Division has already submitted the Draft Notification Proposal to the PCCF(Nodal) vide his Memo No.7698 dated 26.7.2024 . Copy enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Observation in point No. (v)

Total ML area is 2574.0 ha. Out of which Forest Land is 278.0 ha and NFL is 2295.0 ha. It was stipulated to deposit NPV in the extant rate for the entire forest land of the ML. However, the UA has deposited Rs. 10,46,77,097/- only towards the NPV against the earlier Stage-II accorded forest land over 85.201 ha on dated 28.09.1990 in the extant rate. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to pay the NPV of forest land within the mining lease. The reason of non-payment of NPV for the entire forest land within mining lease may be furnished.

Compliance :-

The UA has deposited the NPV amount of Rs. 10,46,77,097/- only through UTR No. SBINR52024021502494266 dated 15.02.2024 for the earlier approved project of 85.201 hectares. Besides, the UA has submitted an undertaking to deposit the NPV for the entire forest land in the leasehold area. In this connection, as reported by the DFO, Angul Division, there is no option available in Parivesh Portal for e-payment to deposit the NPV amount of 193.845 ha of forest land proposed for diversion before Stage- I approval. The User Agency has raised a complaint for this purpose in Parivesh Portal . The details are enclosed as **Annexure- III**

Observation in point No. (vi)

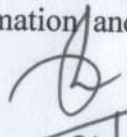
KML file of the proposed land use of forest land of ML has not been provided in the enclosed pen-drive. The same may kindly be provided.

Compliance

In response to this observation, the UA, i.e., G.M. Hingula Area, has submitted the KML file of the proposed land use of forest land of ML area in the **pen drive**.

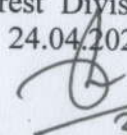
In view of the above compliance, the undertakings submitted by the DFO, Angul Division is forwarded herewith in triplicate for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl: - As above.


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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Angul.

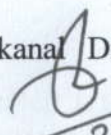
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3064 dated 24.04.2024,3852 dated 21.5.2024 and Memo No.5859 dated 31.7.2024.


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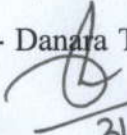
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal Division for information and necessary action.


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Memo No. 2847 / Dated. 31.7.24

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Hingula Area, At/PO- Danara Talcher, Angul-759148 for information and necessary action.


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