



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

Memo No. 2935/3F(Misc)-873/2023 Date: 8.9.2023 ✓

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 towards seeking clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change, Govt. of India 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 (**Proposal No: FP/OR/MIN/50293/2020, State Serial No. OR-050/2021 dated 08.07.2021**)

Ref:

1. Your Memo No. 11200 Dtd.12.06.2023
2. Memo No.4656 Dtd.07.09.2023 of the DFO, Sundargarh Division.

With reference to the aforementioned Memos on the captioned subject, the DFO, Sundargarh Division vide his Memo No.4655 Dtd.07.09.2023 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 aforesaid Memo which may kindly be perused.

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

1. **During Scrutiny of the land schedule furnished by the Tahasildar as on 25.10.1980, the following non-forest land are found as forest category but not included in the diversion proposal:**

(i). Land schedule of Government non-forest Area for the Kulda Expansion OCP:

Sl. No.	Village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kisam	Area (in Ac.)
1	Kulda	32	20	Patra	0.15
			289(P)	Jungle	5.51
2	Bankibahal	57	599(P)	Jungle	4.40
Grand Total					10.06 Ac. Or 4.071 Ha

(ii). Land Schedule of Tenancy Land for Kulda Expansion OCP

Sl. No.	Village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kisam	Area (in Ac.)
1	Kulda	5	94(P)	Jungle	0.50
2			93/465(P)		0.22
3		22	377	Jungle	2.02
4			361		0.07
5			310		0.09
6		32	61	Patra	0.87
7				Jungle	0.25
8		22	42	Jungle	1.24
9					19(P)
Grand Total					5.39 Ac. Or 2.181 Ha



As reported by the DFO, Sundargarh Division, the User Agency has submitted the clarification as per the EDS raised by you, wherein the Tahasildar, Hemgir vide letter dated - 31.08.2023 (**Copy Enclosed**) has clarified that;

A.) The status of land pertaining to Plot no. - 94, 93/465, 377, 361, 310, and 19, 1, 42, 61 and 289(P) involved with a total area of Ac. 10.39 are Tenancy land as on 25.10.1980.

B.) The land under the category of Govt. Non-Forest land pertaining to Plot No. - 599, with an area of Ac. 4.40 of village Bankibahal, Plot No. - 20 with an area of Ac. 0.15 and Plot No. - 289 (P) with an area of Ac. 0.51 of village Kulda, making a total area of Ac. 5.06 are ascertained to be Govt. Non-Forest land, as on 25.10.1980.

Further, the User Agency has submitted that, the Plot No. - 94, 93/465, 377, 361, 310, 19, 1, 42, 61, 289(P) have already been verified and considered under Tenancy land and respective payment has been disbursed by MCL through the Claims Commission setup by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, under the R&R policy.

Therefore, the DFO, Sundargarh has stated that as per the clarification submitted by the Tahasildar, Hemgir, and by the User Agency, the non-forest land described above, which have already been settled/leased out or recorded as non-forest as per the revenue records, and as per the recent Forest Conservation Amendment Act, 2023, the User Agency may kindly be exempted from obtaining Forest Clearance for the plots mentioned in Para A & B above.

The Forest Diversion Proposal along with compliance report submitted by the DFO, Sundargarh Division is forwarded herewith in triplicate for taking further necessary action at your end.

Encl: As above.

Memo No. 2436 Date: 8-9-2023  
Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Rourkela Circle

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 4655 Dtd. 07.09.2023.

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