

## STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS &HoFF CHIEF SECREPLOT NO. GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR BHUBANESWAR-751023

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To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests

CLI Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change FC Division, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbag Road, New Delhi-110003.

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Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section(2) (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd. For non-forestry use of 125.24 ha of forest land for Subhadra OCP Coal mining under Angul Forest Division and District Angul of Odisha – regarding.

Ref: (i) Letter dated 17.12.2024 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (C), Gol, MoEF& CC, (FC Division), New Delhi.

(ii) Memo No.10F(Cons) 08/2023 25588/FE&CC dt.20.12.2024.

Sir.

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (FC Division), New Delhi has sought for compliances on the following three nos. of short comings noticed during scrutiny of the stage-I compliances report submitted vide this office letter No.22867 dt.14.11.2024.

Observation -i: With regard to conditions no. 8 of the 'in-principle' approval'. The State Government has not submitted the revised RWMP/SSWCP plans. The same needs to be submitted.

Compliance: In compliance to this observation the RCCF, Angul Circle has submitted the approved RWLM Plan and SSWC Plan (2 nos) separately related to this project which are enclosed as Annexure-1. Further the required amount for implementation of RWLM Plan over the total lease hold area of 1111.85 ha @ Rs.1,03,100/- per ha amounts to Rs.11,46,31,735/- has already been deposited by the UA earlier vide UTR No.SBINR52024021702946078 dt.17.02.2024. Again for implementation of SSWLC Plan as approved by the PCCF (WL)-cum-CWLW, Odisha vide his memo No.11775 dt.01.10.2024, the user agency has already deposited Rs.3236.376 lakhs vide UTR No.SBINR52024100954137921 dt.09.10.2024 is state CAMPA account through e-portal.

Observation -ii: With regard to conditions no.10 of the 'in-principle' approval', User agency has not uploaded KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area on the e-Green watch portal.

Compliance: In compliance to the above the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that, the stage –II forest clearance is needed for uploading of the KML files of the diverted forest area, the CA area, the proposed SMC treatment area and the implementation area of the RWLM Plan on the e-Green watch portal along with GPS lds and other requisite details. However the screen shot of the corresponding page of the e-green watch portal is enclosed as Annexure-II. Further the soft copy of the KML files of the diverted forest area, the CA area, the proposed SMC treatment area and the implementation area of the RWLM Plan in a pen drive is enclosed as Annexure-III.

Observation-iii: With regard to conditions No.12 of the 'in-principle approval, the State Government has not submitted approved scheme towards demarcation of safety zone (7.5 meter strip all along the inner boundary of the mining lease area) along with budgetary provisions. The same needs to be submitted.

Compliance: In compliance to the above the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that, the user agency i.e GM, Subhadra area, MCL, Talcher has submitted the undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division towards demarcation of safety zone, maintenance of boundary of safety zone and maintenance of the Green belt as per prescribed norms which are enclosed as Annexure-IV which may be accepted.

In view of the above compliances, the Annexures, and the undertakings submitted by the DFO, Angul Forest Division is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl-As above

Yours faithfully

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 819 /Dt. 09.01. 2025

Copy along with its enclosures forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.10F(Cons) 08/2023 25588/FE&CC dt.20.12.2024 of OSDcum-Special Secretary to Govt. In FE&CC Department.

Encl-As above

E811/2025 Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal) Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.08 dt.01.01.2025.

Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.09 dt.01.01.2025 of the RCCF, Angul Circle to his address.

Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Subhadra Area, At/PO/Dist-Angul, Odihsa pin-759122 for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.10 dt.01.01.2025 of the RCCF, Angul Circle to his address.

Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)

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