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Memo No. 1445 /3F(Dis-S)- 324/2016.  
Dated, Rourkela the, 12, July, 2016.

To

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act),  
O/o the Pr.CCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 29.41 ha of forest land (20.89 ha. forest land and 8.52 ha. of forest land for re-diversion out of already diverted forest area of 227.89 ha. of Kulda OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) by Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL). (State Serial No. OR/07/2016 Dt. 08.02.2016).

Ref:- i) Letter No.10F(Con)91/2016/10962/F&E dtd.9.6.2016 of Special Secretary to Govt. in F&E Deptt. Govt. of Odisha, F&E Deptt.  
ii) Your Memo No.12352 dtd.21.06.2016.  
iii) Memo No.3525 dtd.8.7.2016 of the DFO, Sundargarh Division.

In compliance with the deficiencies observed by Govt. of Odisha, F&E Deptt. vide their letter No. 10F(Con)91/2016/10962/F&E dtd.9.6.2016 in respect of the above diversion proposal, the DFO, Sundargarh Division vide his Memo No.3524 Dtd.08.07.2016 addressed to this office and copy endorsed to you in the next Memo of even date has submitted his point wise compliance report which may kindly be perused.

Based on the report of the DFO, Sundargarh Division, the point-wise compliance is as follows:-

- (i) **Besides RF land and already diverted forest land within Kulda OCP of MCL, the instant project also requires revenue forest land, non-forest Government land and private land. However, no document showing administrative approval accorded by State Government for acquiring such land for this infrastructure project is appended to the diversion proposal.**

In compliance with the above, the DFO, Sundargarh Division has reported that ,the User Agency has submitted the administrative approval letters issued by the Collectorate, Sundargarh District in the letter No.848 dated 25.4.2016 for the land to be acquired for the purpose and administrative approval for the project and to acquire the land, issued by the Ministry of Coal, Government of India vide letter No.43026/201/2016-PRIW-I dated 18.01.2016 ,copies of which are attached herewith vide **Annexure-I & II.**

**(ii) No other alternative site has been examined by the user agency for avoiding use or minimum use of forest land for this infrastructure project.**

In compliance with the above, as per the information submitted by the User Agency, the DFO,Sundargarh Division has reported that , Basundhara washery is planned for the washing of coal from the mines at pit head to avoid dust pollution during the transportation of coal to washery. In view of this the present site is considered as suitable place in the vicinity of opencast mines of Basundhara area. Hence this project may please be considered as site specific project and alternative sites may not be insisted.

**(iii) DGPS map of forest area has not been verified/ certified by ORSAC.**

In compliance with the above, the DFO,Sundargarh Division has reported that ,the User Agency has submitted DGPS Survey map (04.copies) duly certified by Odisha Space Applications Centre (ORSAC) and authenticated by the DFO,Sundargarh Division and Tahasildar, Hemgir which is attached in **Annexure-III.**

**(iv) Basic information provided for Sundargarh Forest Division, Sundargarh district and State is updated till 31.12.2013. This needs to be updated up to 31.3.2016.**

This point may be complied by the O/o the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests( Forest Diversion &

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Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the Pr.CCF,Odisha in view of his letter No.12351/9F(Misc.)-06/2016 dtd.21.6.2016, addressed to the DFO,Sundargarh Division & copy endorsed to this office vide next Memo of even date.

- (v) **CA scheme is technically approved for ANR mode of plantation over 58.82 ha. of degraded forest land. However, map given at page 91/DP indicates that out of 58.82 ha. of degraded forest land, silvicultural operation will be over 51.3 ha. and gap plantation over 7.5 ha. This is confusing.**

As per the report of DFO,Sundargarh Division, the map has been modified as per Compensatory Afforestation scheme and attached herewith in **Annexure-IV**.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action at your end.

**Encl.:- As above.**

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Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.

Memo No. 1446 /3F(Dis-S)- 324/2016. Dated. 12-07-2016  
Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for favour of information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3524 dtd.8.7.2016.

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