



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

To Memo No. 376 /3F-324/2018 Date: 09.2.2018

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).

:- Submission of Compliance report for R&R Plan of Basundhara Washery.

Ref:-
1. Letter No.8-176/1997-FC(Vol) dtd.28.03.2017 of Asst. Inspector General of Forests(FC) of GoI, MoEF &CC, New Delhi.
2. Memo No. 7015 F&E dtd. 07.04.2017 of Special Secretary to Government.
3. Your Memo No. 18645 dated 28.08.2017.
3. Memo No. 849 dtd. 03.02.2018 of the DFO, Sundargarh Division.

In compliance with the observation of FAC communicated vide Letter No.8-176/1997-FC(VOL) dtd.28.03.2017 of GoI, MoEF & CC in respect of above diversion proposal, the DFO, Sundargarh Division, has submitted his report vide his Memo No. 847 dtd. 03.02.2018 with copy to you in the subsequent Memo No. 849 dtd. 03.02.2018, which may kindly be perused. The detailed point wise compliance submitted by the DFO, Sundargarh Division is as follows:-

Sl No.	Observation	Compliance
1.	State Government shall submit copy of R&R Plan duly approved by the competent authority.	As per the report of the DFO, Sundargarh Division, the User Agency has submitted the R&R Plan of Basundhara Washery duly approved by the Collector, Sundargarh vide his Letter No.15 dtd. 03.01.2018 which is enclosed herewith.
2.	The layout of proposed washery shall be changed to the extent that the patch of forest coming under proposed land for diversion could be avoided.	As reported by the DFO, Sundargarh Division, the User Agency has intimated that, in compliance to the above, it is to be noted that in the proposal the total forest land requested for diversion to establish Coal Washery & Coal Corridor is 43.90 ha. The area of the patch of Forest which has been asked by FAC to be avoided is 3.02ha. which is Revenue Forest Land. The total numbers of trees in the Coal Washery and Coal Corridor area including Forest and Non-forest land comes to 958 nos. wherein, the total numbers of trees in the patch to be avoided in question comes to 109 nos. As per the report of the DFO, Sundargarh Division, it has been proposed by the User Agency, that as per the plan of action, the

		total trees to be removed for the construction of Conveyor Belt line is 06 nos. and trees expected to be cut for construction of road is 22 nos, which is very minimal. Further, as reported by the DFO, Sundargarh Division, it is worth mentioning that the average height of the trees enumerated is of 10-12 mtrs. In this connection, it is submitted by the User Agency that, 849 nos. of trees would be left out uncut and would be retained as such to act as buffer area to counteract air pollution/ noise pollution, in the project area. As reported by the DFO, Sundargarh Division, the list of enumeration of trees and photographs of the site are enclosed along with the DGPS map of the area for ready reference.
3.	CA site shall be revised.	As reported by the DFO, Sundargarh Division, the User Agency has intimated that, the Compensatory Afforestation area was selected by the State Government and allotted to Mahanadi Coal fields Limited as per the guidelines under FC Act 1980, for the area to be diverted for establishment of Coal Washery for which the suitability certificate and required scheme was prepared and approved. As reported by the DFO, Sundargarh Division, under the aforementioned facts and circumstances the State Government may request the MoEF&CC to reconsider the case and CA site proposed earlier may be accepted.

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

Encl.:- As above.

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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Date: 09.2.2018

Memo No. 377

Copy forwarded to the Special Secretary to Government, F&E Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 848 dtd. 03.02.2018 of the DFO, Sundargarh Division.

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Memo No. 378

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.849 dtd. 03.02.2018

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Memo No. 379

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Basundhara Area of MCL for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 850 dtd. 03.02.2018 of the DFO, Sundargarh Division.

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