

कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (कक्ष भू-प्रबंध), सतपुड़ा भवन, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल
क्रमांक/एफ-5/859/2019/10-11/1019 भोपाल, दिनांक 7-3-21
प्रेषक :-

सुनील अग्रवाल (भा.व.से.)
अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध) एवं
नोडल अधिकारी वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल।

प्रति,

श्री ब्रिजेन्द्र स्वरूप,
वन महानिरीक्षक,
भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय,
इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, अलीगंज, जोरबाग रोड,
नई दिल्ली-110003

विषय:- सिंगरौली जिले में जयंत माइन्स से मोरबा रेल्वे साइडिंग तक कोयला परिवहन के
लिये मार्ग निर्माण हेतु 7.448 हेक्टेयर वन भूमि नॉर्दर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड
सिंगरौली को उपयोग पर देने बाबत।

संदर्भ:- आपका पत्र क्रमांक/8-67/202-FC-(vol.) दिनांक 15.02.2021

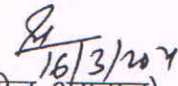
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कृपया उपरोक्त संदर्भित पत्र का अवलोकन करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके द्वारा
आपने विषयांकित प्रकरण में स्वीकृति जारी करने के पूर्व 06 बिन्दुओं पर जानकारी चाही है।

आपके द्वारा चाही गई 06 बिन्दुओं की जानकारी आवेदक संस्थान ने अपने पत्र
दिनांक 08.03.2021 द्वारा प्रस्तुत की है, जिस पर सहमति व्यक्त की जाकर आपकी ओर
संलग्न प्रेषित है। कृपया प्रकरण में स्वीकृति जारी करने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्न:-उपरोक्तानुसार।

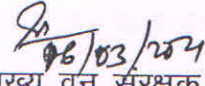
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पृ. क्रमांक/एफ-5/859/2019/10-11/1020
प्रतिलिपि:-

भोपाल, दिनांक 7-3-21

1. मुख्य वन संरक्षक, रीवा वृत्त रीवा, मध्यप्रदेश।
2. वन मण्डलाधिकारी सामान्य वन मण्डल सिंगरौली, मध्यप्रदेश।
3. महाप्रबंधक, जयंत परियोजना, नॉर्दर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड, सिंगरौली, मध्यप्रदेश।
की ओर सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।


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(मिनिरातना कंपनी)
(कोल इण्डिया लिमिटेड की अनुषंगी कंपनी)



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Environment Department
Office of The General Manager, Jayant Project



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No. JNT/Env/F-46/20/1514

Date : 08.03.2021

To,
The Divisional Forest Officer
Forest Division, Singrauli
Distt Singrauli (M.P.)

Subject: Diversion of 7.448 ha reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa Railway siding
Proposal No : FP/MP/ROAD/30389/2018 .

Reference: Letter no. F-5/859/2019/10-11/787 dated 25.02.2021 of APCCF (LM), Bhopal.

Dear Sir,

The stated proposal for diversion of 7.448 ha forest land for construction of coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding has been applied way back in September 2017. Subsequently, the proposal was deliberated in different REC meetings held at MOEF&CC, Bhopal and it was recommended and forwarded for approval to ADG (FC), GOI, MOEF&CC, New Delhi vide letter no 6-REC010/2014-BHO/Part-II/234 dated 24.02.2020.

All the details has already been deliberated in the subject proposal submitted to MOEF&CC, GOI, however point wise reply of the observations made in the above referred letter are submitted below :

1. There is no private / non forest land involved in the above said proposal for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa siding.

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2. Justification for the requirement of the new coal transportation road is as below:

- Forest land is required for construction of dedicated road for coal transportation from Jayant mine to Morwa railway siding. It will minimize air and noise pollution of surrounding area.
- The existing road is used for public transport / coal transport and since it is within the leasehold area / active mining area of Jayant expansion Project so it is to be diverted for alternative road for which subject proposal has been applied.
- It is already deliberated vide letter JNT/Env/F-46/19/204 dated 19.09.2020 (Copy enclosed as Annex-A).

3. The 100 ha forest land for which lease renewal has been granted on dated 27.01.2021 is the part of leasehold area (3177.171 ha) of Jayant Expansion opencast Project. The status of 3177.171 ha lease hold area is as follows :

Sl. No.	Type of land	Area in (Ha)	Remarks
1	Govt. Land	515.46	
2	Tenancy land	1481.54	
3	Forest land	1180.171	The break up is as follows : <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 943 ha : Forest land was acquired under CBA act 1957 and broken up well before enactment of FC act 1980.➤ 100 ha : Renewed on 27.01.2021 for 20 years.➤ 68.29 ha : Approval issued on 16.01.1997 validity for 30 years.➤ 50.881 ha : Approval issued on 25.01.2000 validity for 30 years. Copies of approvals are enclosed (Annex- B).
	Total	3177.171	

4. There is no violation cases .

5. Copy of muck management plan is attached herewith as Annex -C.

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6. Jayant OCP is an opencast mine working under the Northern Coalfields Limited, Singrauli (A Miniratna company) which is a subsidiary of Coal India Limited- A CPSE Maharatna Company , and comes under the Ministry of Coal, GOI. Copy of proof of Govt. entity is attached herewith as Annex - D.

Considering the above clarification, it is hereby solicited that approval may kindly be issued for the subject proposal of diversion of 7.448 ha of forest land, as soon as possible.

This is for your kind information and further necessary action please.

Yours faithfully

Area General Manager

Jayant Project

Copy to : 1. The APCCF (LM), Bhopal

2. The General Manager (Env./Forest), NCL HQ.

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No : JNT/Env./F-46 /19/204

Dated : 19.09.2019

To,
The APCCF (Land Management),
Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, MP

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 7.448 ha. forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa Railway Siding.

Ref: Observations of Regional Empowered Committee, Bhopal in its 37th meeting held on 23.08.2019

Dear Sir,

The point wise reply of observations of REC as per minutes of the meeting held on 23.08.2019 are as follows:

Sr. No.	Recommendation	Compliance
1.	FRA for 7.448 Ha from DC, Singrauli shall be submitted.	Initially the application was submitted for issuance of FRA for 10.598 Ha of forest land. Out of this 10.598 Ha, Stage-II FC for 3.15 Ha. has already been issued by MoEF&CC in favour of Nigahi project vide letter dtd. 12.04.2018. For remaining 7.448 Ha of forest land, FRA has been issued vide letter no 10120/FRA/Tribal/2019 dtd. 28.03.2019 by Collector, Singrauli, which is a part of the total land of 10.598 Ha. A copy of NoC under FRA 2006 is enclosed as Annexure -1 .
2.	Comparative statement for alternative explored shall be submitted.	The comparative statement of the alternative routes was already enclosed in the reply submitted on 14.06.19. However, it is again submitted for ready reference as Annex- 2 .
3.	The representatives of NCL had informed the REC that	The following deliberation may kindly be

some part approx. 18 Ha area (forest land) of Nigahi Project was handed over to Jayant project and necessary changes were approved in the environmental clearance. Thus REC desires to obtain the detailed justification for process followed for the changes in the project area of Nigahi and Jayant Project.

considered while considering the diversion of 7.448 Ha. of Forest land for construction of coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa Siding.

i. Forest land of 424 Ha. has been diverted to Nigahi Project on 12.04.2018 vide letter no F.No. 8-26/2015-FC with stage -II clearance.

ii. Out of these, 18 Ha is situated on the boundry of Jayant mine.

iii. This area has been incorporated in Jayant Expansion Project for the purpose of maintaining straight working of the Draglines and mine boundary as per PR for Jayant Expansion Project. It is situated on the boundary on western side of Jayant Project. The working of the Jayant Project is smooth and straight with this 18 Ha of land.


iv. It is to be mentioned here that 8 Opencast mines of NCL are operating in continuous hilly terrain and having common boundary. The Owner of both Jayant and Nigahi mines is Director (Tech./Operation), NCL, so use of 18 Ha. of forest land by Jayant mine (instead of Nigahi) does not raise any issue as far diversion of forest land is concerned.

4. The handing over of forest land from Nigahi Project to Jayant Project shall attract the provision of F (C) Act, 1980 and according changes in the project area needs approval from Govt. of India under Section 2 of F(C) Act 1980.

It is also to be emphasised that for compliance of the NGT observations, construction of separate Coal transportation road is most important activity as well as for protection of environment of the nearby villages. Therefore, out of 10.598 Ha. land required for construction of separate coal transportation road and public road as well in future (since existing road for public and coal transportation has become the part /mid way within the leasehold area of Jayant expansion mine), diversion of forest land of 7.448 is of utmost priority and use of 3.15 Ha (already a part of diverted forest land of 424 Ha in favour of Nigahi Project) is the most enevitable factor and as such due consideration may kindly be given for approval of the proposal submitted herewith.

It is submitted for your kind information and necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,


General Manager,
Jayant Project, NCL
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Office of the District Collector SINGRAULI

No. 9/20/FRA/TRIBAL/2019

SINGRAULI Dated 28.03.19

TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA, for short) of the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes, it is certified that 10.598 Hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of GENERAL MANAGER NORTHAN COAL INDIA JAYANT PROJECT dist- Singrauli of (Tansen Ward Village - medhauli) in compartment no RF 273, RF 274

It is further certified that:

- (a) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 10.598 hectares of forest land proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultation and meetings of the Forest Rights Committees(s), MOHALLA SABHA Sub-Division Level Forest Rights Committee, SINGRAULI are enclosed as annexure 1 (1-9) to annexure 2. (1-4)
- (b) The proposal for such diversion (with full details of the project and its implications in vernacular / local language) have been placed before each concerned gram Sabha of forest-dwellers, who are eligible under the FRA.
- (c) The each of concerned gram Sabha(s), has certified that all formalities / processes under the FRA have been carried out, and that they have given their consent to the proposed diversion and the compensation and ameliorative measure if any, having understood the purpose and the details for proposed diversion. A copy of certificate issued by the Mohalla sabha of (Tansen Ward Village - medhauli) Sub-Division Level Forest Rights Committee, SINGRAULI, District level Forest Rights Committee, Singrauli and is enclosed annexure 3 (1-49) to annexure 4.(1)
- (d) The discussion and decisions on such proposals had taken place only when There was a quorum of minimum 50% of the Members of Gram Sabha presence,
- (e) The diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabhas have given their consent to it,
- (f) The rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities, where applicable have been specifically safeguarded as per section 3 (1) (e) of the FRA.

Encl.As above.

Collector

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NORTHERN COALFIELDS LIMITED
JAYANT PROJECT

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 7.448 ha forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding.

Reference: Query raised during 35th meeting of REC, Bhopal on dated 17.05.2019

The details status of point wise compliance of the recommendations of REC as per minutes of the meeting held on 17.05.2019 are as follows:

Sr. No.	Recommendation	Compliance
1	KML file of the mining lease area and the FC clearance of the area	a. KML file of the mining lease area of the Jayant expansion project for 3177.171 ha is enclosed as annexure - 1A(hard & soft copy). b. The copy of FC clearance of the forest land is enclosed herewith as annexure - 1B.
2	The FRA certificate	FRA certificate has been issued vide no. 10120/FRA/Tribal/2019 dtd. 28.03.19 which is enclosed herewith as annexure-2.
3	Cost benefits details	It is not required as the area of forest land to be diverted is 7.448 ha only. As per circular issued from MOEF&CC dated 01.08.2017, table -A , pt. no. 1 (copy enclosed as annexure -3) wherein it is stated that "Cost benefit analysis for forest diversion are not applicable for all categories of proposals involving forest land upto 20 Ha in plain & 5 Ha in hills."
4	Details regarding exploration of alternatives & map certified by DFO	The alternatives routes for the construction of coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa siding are shown on plan which is enclosed as annexure - 4. It is also shown on Google earth plan with KML file. Based on the observation of plan, it is hereby stated that:
	Options Option A. i.e. R-1 Area - 7.448 Ha Length -2.128 Km	R-1 is the proposed route of coal transportation road involving 7.448 ha of forest land which is the minimum requirement. It involves only 1151 nos. of trees for cutting & felling for construction of the road.

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Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Land Management)

	<p>Option -B , i.e. R-2 Area - 6.275 Ha Length -1.793 Km</p>	<p>R-2 is the alternate route of coal transportation road involving 6.275 Ha of forest land. In this case, the life of the road will be hardly 3-5 years since it passes through within the danger zone (500 M of active mining area) of existing Jayant expansion OCP. Further the stated piece of land would be acquired for future expansion of Jayant project. The notification under section 4 dtd. 03.05.2016 vide S.O. no. 1635 (E) under CBA Act 1957 has been published. The gazette notification under section 7 dtd. 3.05.2017 vide S.O. no. 709(E) under CBA Act 1957 has also been published. The copy of both notices are enclosed herewith as annex-4. As such, the construction of road through R-2 road may not be suitable considering the above stated reason.</p>
	<p>Option -C i.e. R-3 Area - 8.894 Ha Length -2.545 Km</p>	<p>R-3 is the another alternate route of coal transportation road involving 8.894 Ha of forest land. In this case, length of road is increased due to which area of forest land involved will be more by 1.446 Ha than R-1 route (7.448 Ha). So, no. of trees for cutting & felling shall also be increased accordingly. As such the option of constructing coal transportation road through R-3 route may also be ruled out.</p>
<p>As such, it is opined that the best suitable proposed route is R-1 (7.448 Ha of forest land shall be involved) considering its longer life and better feasibility for construction of road dedicated for coal transportation corridor.</p>		
5	<p>The SOI, Geo referenced map of CA area & CA scheme for 10 years</p>	<p>20 ha of CA area has been marked on SOI toposheet no. 63L/4. The Geo referenced map & KML file of CA area is also prepared & enclosed as annexure - 5. CA scheme for 10 years is to be provided accordingly.</p>
6	<p>The DSS analysis shows agriculture & encroachment, the CA free from all incumbencies shall be submitted</p>	<p>To be provided as per its suitability.</p>

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Sr. Manager (Env.)
Jayant

Staff Officer (Mining)
Jayant

General Manager
Jayant

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Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Land Management)
Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
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Dated: 27th January, 2021

To,
The Principal Secretary Forests,
Department of Forests and Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal,

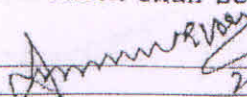
Sub: Renewal for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for Jayant Project of the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Siddhi District, Madhya Pradesh -regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF (Land Management) and the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter no. F-1/201/89/10-11/1962 dated 07th June, 2013 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, 'In-principle' /Stage -I approval to the proposal was accorded vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 06th February, 2018 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of all the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to accord Final/Stage-II approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/201/1989/10-11/3076 dated 24th September, 2019, letter no. F-1/201/1989/10-11/3000 dated 09.09.2020 and letter No. F-1/201/1989/10-11/3725 dated 05.11.2020 'Final approval/Stage - II' of the Central Government is hereby accorded under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Renewal for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for Jayant Project of the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Siddhi District, Madhya Pradesh subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the remaining amount of Compensatory Afforestation deposited by the user agency for the diversion of forest land in the instant proposal may be utilized for improving the survival percentage of the Compensatory Afforestation patches created in lieu of diversion;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over


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- 221.138 ha. degraded forest land (Compartment / Khasra No. 6,132,307/1,624,634,75, 91,7/1, 345/1, 486, 474/4, a, b, c, 83, 84, 88,697, 718/1,1782, 1779, 1520,18, 19, 8/1043, 8/1044,1520,634,22,12-16,17/1-19/2,792/1,384/1 in the District of Sidhi) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- iv. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
- v. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- vi. The proposed forest land i.e. 100 ha. shall be handed over to the User Agency only after, the required non-forest land for the project is acquired over by the user agency;
- vii. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
- viii. The User Agency either itself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake fencing, protection and afforestation of the safety zone area (7.5 meter 113 strip shall be kept within the mining lease or mining cluster, as applicable and such other areas as specified in the approved mining plan) at the project cost. Area of safety zone of a mining lease shall be a part of the total area of the mining lease;
- ix. The period of diversion of the said forest land shall be for 20 years from the date grant of extension of lease under the provisions of MMDR amendment Act, 2015;
- x. The user agency shall undertake mining and reclamation of the mined out area as per the approved mining plan and the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xii. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on forest areas;
- xiii. The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease area and safety zone shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xiv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government;
- xvi. The change in the layout plan of the mining lease, if required, shall be done as prescribed in the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018;

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- xvii. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xviii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
- xix. The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry P. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28th March, 2019;
- xx. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried out by the State Government and user agency;
- xxi. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance of all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

Yours faithfully,
27/03/2021
(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Pr.CCF & HoFF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Dy. Director General (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

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10.8-158/90-FC

Dated: 16.01.1997

The Secretary (Forests),
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh,
BHOPAL.

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Subject:- Diversion of ~~100~~ ha. of forest land in Sidhi District for coal mining by Northern Coalfields Ltd. Jayant Project.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.F-5/45/90/10/3 dated 29.3.95 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government, hereby, conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act for diversion of 68.29 ha. of forest land in Sidhi District for coal mining by Northern Coalfields Ltd. Jayant Project, subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

- i) The legal status of forest land will remain unchanged.
- ii) Lease period shall be coterminous with lease under the MMRD Act.
- iii) In order that the construction labour and staff while working on the project in the forest area may not cause destruction to the forest area for meeting their fuelwood needs, the user agency will establish fuelwood depots, and will provide the fuelwood to them free of cost.
- iv) Phased reclamation plan will be implemented by the user agency at their cost.

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- (v) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (vi) Any other condition that the State Government may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation and protection of forests.

Yours faithfully,

(A.N. SHARAN)
ASSTT. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS

Copy to:-

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3. The CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal.
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
F.C. Division

Paryavaran Bhawan,
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Dated: 23.01.2000

To

The Secretary (Forests),
Government of M.P.
Bhopal.

Subj: Diversion of 50,881 ha. forest land for Jayant OCP coal mining (Phase-III) in favour of M/s NCL, Distt. Sidhi.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. F-5/45/90/10/3 dated 23.9.1999 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 50,881 ha. forest land for Jayant OCP coal mining (Phase-III) in favour of M/s NCL, Distt. Sidhi subject to following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Lease period shall be co-terminus with the lease granted under the CB Act, 1957 subject to a maximum of 30 years.
- (iii) Phased reclamation plan will be implemented by the user agency at their cost.
- (iv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (v) The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.
- (vi) Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area will be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation over one and a half times of safety zone area in degraded forest elsewhere will be done at the project cost.

Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward & back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar.

- (viii) The user agency will make arrangement for free supply of coal to labourers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest areas.
- (ix) Any other condition that the State Govt. or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection or development of forests.

Yours faithfully,

(R . K . GUPTA)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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4. RO(HQ), New Delhi
5. Chief General Manager, Northern Coalfields Ltd., Jayant Project, Distt. Sidhi. Madhya Pradesh.
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MUCK MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COAL TRANSPORTATION ROAD FROM JAYANT TO MORWA SIDING

INTRODUCTION :

A sufficient quantity of muck is expected to be generated as a result of construction of road. Muck generated from excavation of any project component is required to be disposed in a planned manner so that it takes a least possible space and is not hazardous to the environment. The muck disposal sites cause increased sedimentation in the rivers (though insignificant compared to natural sedimentation) and totally spoils the visual aesthetics of the area. It is of prime importance that these sites will have to be rehabilitated as soon as the disposal sites are full.

MUCK GENERATION : For the instant proposal for construction of coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa siding, it is observed that based on the geological nature of the rocks and engineering properties of the soil, a major part of the muck generated can be used as construction material for road itself. The balance quantity will be suitably disposed in the mine voids of Jayant opencast mine in the internal OB dump at the cost of project.

After the dumping of muck mixing with overburden material of mines the OB dump will be reclaimed technically and biologically. The muck disposal sites will be suitably stabilized on completion of the muck disposal.

MUCK DISPOSAL SITE:- The total excavation quantity likely to be generated at the project will be around 1.17 lakh cum. Approximately 70% of generated muck i.e. 0.8195 lakh cum will be used as construction of the above said road from Jayant mine to Spur- I siding Morwa due to hilly terrain of the site. and remaining 0.35 lakh cum (Including 25% swelling factor and over break) will be disposed off in the mine void of Jayant mine. The area of muck disposal site will be around 1 ha.

MANAGEMENT MEASURES :

As mentioned earlier, a large quantum of muck is expected to be generated. A part of muck is proposed to be utilized as a construction material for construction of road. The balance is proposed to be disposed at the Jayant mines. Muck generated from excavation of any project component is required to be disposed in a planned manner so that it takes a least possible space and is not hazardous to the environment. In the hilly area, dumping is done after creating terraces thus usable terraces are developed. The overall idea is to enhance/maintain aesthetic view in the surrounding area of the project in post-construction period and avoid contamination of any land or water resource due to muck disposal.

In dumping sites of mine OB dump are reclaimed scientific manner as per approved Environment management plan (EMP) and retaining walls shall be constructed to develop terraces so as to support the muck on vertical slope and for optimum space utilization. The OB dump of the disposal area will be ultimately covered with fertile soil and suitable plants

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will be planted adopting suitable bio-technological measures. The basic aim and objectives of the muck management plan are to

1. To protect these areas from soil erosion
2. Develop these areas by afforestation
3. Develop them into parks, gardens etc.
4. Utilize the maximum quantity of muck for development of infrastructure of the project
5. Develop these areas in harmony with the landscape of the project area.

Various activities proposed as a part of the management plan are given as below:

- Civil works (construction of retaining walls, boulder crate walls etc.)
- Dumping of muck
- Levelling of the area, terracing and implementation of various engineering control measures e.g., boulder, crate wall, masonry wall, catchwater drain.
- Spreading of soil
- Application of fertilizers to facilitate vegetation growth over disposal sites.

For stabilization of muck and OB dump areas following measures of engineering and biological measures have been proposed :

Engineering Measures:

- Gabion and retaining wall will be constructed round the periphery of dump
- Catch drain will be constructed for proper drainage.

Biological Measures :

- Plantation of suitable tree species and soil binding species
- Plantation of ornamental / fruit bearing plants on the OB dump
- Barbed wire fencing

Muck & OB are generally lacks nutrients and therefore, are difficult to re-vegetate. However, to vegetate the slopes are made, the top soil with manure will be spread over the dump site before plantation . biological reclamation of dumps. The plantation / biological reclamation work will be carried out by the Madhya Pradesh Rajya Van Vikas Nigam Limited (MPRVVN) which is an expertise agency for plantation working under the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of M.P.

In Jayant Mine MPRVVN NHPC has successfully doing the reclamation work as stated above since last more than 25 years.

BUDGET:

(a) Tentative Muck to be transported to OB Dump of Jayant Mine - 35000 Cu.M.
Cost of transportation = Rs. 18.32 /Cu.M
Cost of transportation of Muck= $18.32 \times 35000 = \text{Rs } 641200/-$

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(b) Cost of plantation and maintenance for 5 years for 1 ha (area of muck disposal site)
= $1 \times 2500 \times 306.88$

(Based on 2500 nos. of plants per ha and rates(Rs 306.88 per plant with 5 year maintenance cost) taken as per MOU with MPRVVN).
= Rs. 767200/-

Total (a + b) = 1408200/-

A provision of Rs.14.082 lakh only will be earmarked for transportation of muck upto the Jayant mine and its biological reclamation.


Nodal Officer (Env't)
Jayant Project


Area General Manager
Jayant project



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COAL INDIA LIMITED (CIL) AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

The Coking Coal Mines (Emergency Provisions) Ordinance was promulgated by the Government of India on 16.10.1971 under which except the captive mines of TISCO and IISCO, the management of all coking coal mines was taken over by the Government. A new company called Bharat Coking Coal Limited was formed as a subsidiary company of Steel Authority of India Limited to manage the taken over mines. These mines were subsequently nationalised w.e.f. 1.5.1972. Later on the management of 711 coal mines was also taken over by the Government with effect from 31.1.1973 and they were nationalised w.e.f. 1.5.1973 and a new Government Company namely, Coal Mines Authority Limited (CMAL) with headquarters at Calcutta, was set up by the Government in May, 1973 to manage non-coking coal mines. The CMAL was organised as a unitary structure on divisional pattern with four Divisions, the Central Division, the Eastern Division, the Western Division and the CMPDIL. The mines of erstwhile National Coal Development Corporation were brought under the Central Division of the CMAL. In September, 1975 CIL was formed as a Holding Company with five subsidiaries namely Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) and Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL).

In view of the projected increase in production and investment contemplated for CCL and WCL group of coal mines and in view of their extensive geographical spread resulting in day to day administrative, technical and communication problems etc. two more coal companies, namely, Northern Coalfields Limited and South Eastern Coalfields Limited were formed w.e.f. 28.11.1985.

Considering the prospects of Orissa Coalfields, being the growth centre for the VIII and IX Plan periods, a new coal company was formed bifurcating South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL). The new company Mahanadi Coalfields Limited was incorporated on 3rd April, 1992 with its headquarters at Sambalpur (Orissa) as fully owned subsidiary of Coal India Limited to manage the Talcher and IB-Valley Coalfields in Orissa.

CIL have now 8 subsidiaries viz. Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) and Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL). The CMPDIL is an engineering, design and exploration company set up for preparing perspective plan(s), rendering consultancy services and undertaking exploration and drilling work to establish coal reserves in the country and collection of detailed data.

preparation of projects for actual mining. The other seven subsidiaries of CIL are coal producing companies.

CIL and its subsidiaries are incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and are wholly owned by the Central Government. The coal mines in Assam and its neighbouring areas are controlled directly by CIL under the unit North Eastern Coalfields.

NEYVELI LIGNITE CORPORATION LIMITED

The Department of Coal has under its administrative control the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, with registered office at Chennai and corporate office at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu. The company is engaged in exploitation and excavation of lignite, generation of thermal power and also sale of raw lignite.

SINGARENI COLLIERIES COMPANY LIMITED (SCCL)

SCCL is a joint undertaking of Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Government of India. The equity capital is shared in the ratio of roughly 51:49 between Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Central Government respectively. The headquarters of the company is at Kothagudem in Andhra Pradesh. SCCL produces about 10% of the country's coal production and 76% of its production is despatched to the coal based thermal power plants in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. The remaining part of SCCL's coal production is supplied to the cement companies and other industries. In order to provide long-term financial stability in SCCL for investment in new coal projects and for increasing its production efficiently, the financial restructuring of the company has been done in June, 1999.

COAL MINES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION

The Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation is an autonomous body set up under the Coal Mines Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1948. The Organisation administers the Coal Mines Provident Fund Scheme, 1948, Coal Mines Family Pension Scheme, 1971 since superseded by a new scheme namely Coal Mines Pension Scheme, 1998 which was brought into force w.e.f. 31.3.98 and the Coal Mines Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 which are all framed under the aforesaid Act.

The Fund of the Organisation is administered by a tripartite body, called the Board of Trustees, consisting of representatives of (i) the Central Government/State Governments, (ii) the employers and (iii) the employees. The Board of Trustees functions under the overall administrative control of the Department of Coal. The Board reviews the functioning of the Organisation at every meeting.

One of the most important landmarks in the history of CMPF Organisation is the introduction of Coal Mines Pension Scheme, 1998 which has come into force w.e.f. the 31st day of March, 1998. This will benefit around 8 lakhs coal workers in the country. With the introduction of Coal Mines Pension Scheme, 1998 the erstwhile Family Pension Scheme, 1971 has ceased to operate. However, the Pensioners who were drawing benefits under the erstwhile Family Pension Scheme, 1971 will continue to draw Pension under the old Coal Mines Family Pension Scheme, 1971.

COAL CONTROLLER ORGANISATION

The Coal Controller's Organisation is a Subordinate Office of the Ministry of Coal & Mines, Department of Coal, having its headquarters at Kolkata and field offices at Dhanbad, Ranchi, Bilaspur and Nagpur. The Coal Controller discharges various statutory functions derived from the under noted Acts and Rules:

- Colliery Control Order, 2000.
- Coal Mines (Conservation & Development) Act, 1974 and Coal Mines (Conservation & Development) Rules, 1975.
- The Collection of Statistics Act, 1953(32 of 1953) and the Collection of Statistics (Central) Rules, 1959.
- Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957(20 of 1957).

Apart from the above, the Coal Controller has been assigned some functions under the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957.

In addition to above statutory functions, the Coal Controller has also to discharge the following responsibilities:

- to look after the residual work of the erstwhile Coal Board.
- to attend to legal matters/ court cases arising out of the various statutes which the Coal Controller has been made responsible to administer.

COMMISSIONER OF PAYMENTS

The Office of Commissioner of Payments was set up in pursuance of the Coking Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1972 and Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 for the purpose of disbursement of amounts payable to owners of coal mines or group of coal mines nationalised in 1972-73. Initially, there were two Offices of Commissioner of Payments, one for determining compensation etc. for nationalized coking coal mines and coke oven plants with headquarters at Dhanbad and another for nationalised non-coking coal mines with headquarters at Kolkata. After the work of Dhanbad Office had been disposed of substantially that Office was wound up and its residual works were transferred to the Office of the Commissioner of Payments, Kolkata. At present, Coal Controller is functioning as Commissioner of Payments.

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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated: 15th February, 2021

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment & Forest,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal

Sub: Diversion of 7.448 ha reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding in favour of General Manager, Jayant project NCL in Singrauli District, Madhya Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/ROAD/30989/2017) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter no. F-5/859/2019/10-11/496 dated 02nd February, 2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that after careful examination of the said proposal the following observations have been made by the ministry:

- i. The detail of non-forest/private land involved in the instant proposal has not been submitted. The same is required to be done along with complete details and the purpose wise breakup.
- ii. The justification for the new road has not been submitted as a road is already existing and connecting the mining area.
- iii. Apart from the 100 ha. area diverted, the google image further reveals that mining activities have been carried out in the large patches of adjoining areas as well. The status of these areas along with the extent and detail of approvals be submitted.
- iv. The detail of violation if any in above areas be submitted.
- v. The construction of new road will involve fresh cutting and therefore a muck management plan is required to be submitted.
- vi. The documentary evidence indicating that user agency is a Govt. of India entity be also submitted.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the above information at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,
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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;