



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

No. **15147** /9F(Misc)-06/16
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the **5th** August, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Forest and Environment Department,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 29.41 ha of forest land (20.89 ha fresh 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, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

(State Serial No. OR/07/2016 Dt. 08.02.2016)

Ref: Letter No. 10F(Con) 91/2016-10962/F&E dated 09.06.2016 of Special Secretary to Govt. F&E Dept. Odisha.

Sir,

With reference to the above, the point-wise compliance sought for by the Forest & Environment Department are detailed below:

- (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.**

The User Agency has submitted the administrative approval letters issued by the Collectorate, Sundargarh District in the letter No.848 dt.25.04.2016 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 enclosed to the Diversion Proposal at **page- 129-132/DP.**

- (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.**

As intimated by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle, 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.

The required DGPS Survey map duly certified by Odisha Space Applications Centre (ORSAC) and authenticated by the DFO, Sundargarh Division and Tahasildar, Hemgiri which is enclosed at **page- 45/DP**.

(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 31.03.2016.

The updated profiles having the status as on 01.01.2016 of Sundargarh Forest Division/ Sundargarh District and the State profile are enclosed at **page-73,73A & 73B/DP**.

(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, sivilcultural operation will be over 51.3 ha and gap Plantation over 7.5 ha. this is confusing.

The modified/appropriate map as per Compensatory Afforestation scheme is enclosed at **page-91/DP**.

In view of the above compliances, the Diversion Proposal in triplicate are re-submitted for further action at Government level.

Encl: D.P. in 3 Sets

Yours faithfully,



Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Odisha

Memo No. Dt.

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his memo No. 1445 dated 12.07.2016.


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Odisha

Memo No. Dt.

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his memo No.3525 dt.08.07.2016


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