

**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; ANGUL DIVISION: ANGUL.**

Memo No. 3852 /DRP/2024/Dated. 21.9.2024

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Angul Circle, Angul.

Sub: -

Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central government under Section- 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited, for non-forestry use of 193.845 ha forest land within Mining Lease area over 1265.00 Ha. of Balram Open Cast Expansion (15 MTY) Coal Block of MCL under Angul Forest Division of Angul District, Odisha.

**: - Submission of compliance report.**

Ref: -

1. Your memo No. 1657 dt. 04.05.2024.
2. Letter No. 451 dt. 17.05.2024 of GM, Hingula Area.

With reference to the above cited subject, it is to inform you that on scrutiny of the compliance report by the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle, Angul, certain observations were noted vide your memo No. 1657 dt. 04.05.2024.

In response to the aforementioned observations, the user agency, i.e. G.M. Hingula Area, was duly notified to submit a point-wise compliance report along with all relevant supporting documents vide this office letter No. 3469 dt. 04.05.2024.

Now, the User Agency i.e. G.M. Hingula Area has submitted the point wise compliance report vide their Letter No. 451 dt. 17.05.2024. The details are given below.

**In context of observation point No. (i) PF Notification of NFL provided for CA against the earlier diverted area has not been submitted in compliance to observation No.iii of PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act).**

Reply by UA

In response to this observation, the UA, i.e., G.M. Hingula Area, has submitted an undertaking that 86.00 ha CA land identified against the diversion of 85.201 ha forest in the Harpalli village in Kuarmunda, Tahsil, Rourkela division will be notified as protected forest following due procedure before the grant of Stage-II FC. The undertaking is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

Further, the CA Land has been mutated in favor of the Forest Department. The ROR copy of the same is submitted as **Annexure-II**. However, the DGPS survey was completed by ORSAC, Bhubaneswar from 19.04.2024 to 25.04.2024 in the presence of forest/revenue officials and the user agency. The DGPS map for the CA Land is being prepared by ORSAC Bhubaneswar. The authenticated DGPS map after receipt from ORSAC, Bhubaneswar will be submitted to the DFO Rourkela for further necessary action for the notification of the said CA land as Protected Forest. The details are enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

**In context of observation point No. (ii)** **The reasons for non-payment of NPV for the entire forest area within ML has not been furnished in compliance to observation No. v of the PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act).**

Reply by UA

In response to this observation, the user agency, i.e., the General Manager, Hingula Area, has intimated that the above proposal is under process for Stage-I approval. However, there is no option available in the Parivesh Portal for e-payment to deposit the above NPV amount. Further, the user agency has raised a complaint through the Parivesh Portal for this purpose. The details are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-IV**.

Hence, the compliance reports received from the user agency i.e. G.M, Hingula area is enclosed herewith in four sets each for your kind information and necessary action.

**Encl: - As above.**

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division

Memo No. 3853 / Dated. 21.5.24

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal and Rourkela Division for information and necessary action.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division

Memo No. 3854 / Dated. 21.5.24

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer FC Act O/O the PCCF Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to memo 1658 dt. 04.05.2024 of RCCF, Angul.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division

Memo No. 3855 / Dated. 21.5.24

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Hingula Area, At/PO- Danara Talcher, Angul-759148 for information and necessary action with reference to your letter No. 451 dt. 17.05.2024.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division