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

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Dated, Bhubaneswar the 05th November, 2018

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest & 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 for Kulda OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) by Mahanandi Coalfields Limited (MCL).
(State Serial No. OR/07/2016 Dt.08.02.2016)

Sir,

In inviting a reference to F&E Department letter No.10F (Cons) 91/2016 - 7013/ F&E dated 07.04.2017 of Special Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department on the captioned subject, the following point-wise compliances as recommended by the FAC held on 28.02.2017 are furnished below:-

Condition No.1:- State Government shall submit copy of R&R Plan duly approved by the competent authority.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the R&R Plan of Basundhara Washery duly approved by the Collector, Sundargarh vide letter No.15 dtd.03.01.2018 of Land Acquisition Officer, Sundargarh which is enclosed as Annexure-1.

Condition No.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.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the proposed washery is linked to Kulda OCP and it lies adjacent to the mine. The choice of the site is mainly influenced by the location of the mine, the railway line and the availability of water from Basundhara (E) Quarry. In the proposal, the total forest land requested for diversion to establish coal washery & coal corridor is 29.41 ha (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 Coal Fields Ltd). The DFO, Sundargarh division has reported that to ascertain the conditions raised by the FAC during the meeting held on 28.02.2017, a filed survey of the patch of Forest which had been asked by the FAC to be avoided, was conducted by the survey team of MCL alongwith Range Officer,

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Gopalpur Range and the area of the patch was derived to be 3.02 ha. which is Revenue Forest land. The total count of trees in the complete washery and coal corridor area including forest and Non-forest land is 958 nos. wherein, the total trees in the patch in question is only 109 nos. The DFO, Sundargarh division has further reported that as per the plan of action, from the said patch, the total trees to be removed for the construction of Conveyor Belt line is 06 nos. and the trees expected to be cut for construction of road is 22 nos. which is very minimal.

Further, the DFO, Sundargarh Division has reported that as per master plan of Basundhara area adjacent to the current proposed Basundhara Washery, Coal Washeries for Siarmal OCP to the tune of 40 MTY and Garjanbahal OCP to the tune of 10 MTY are to come up in the near future for which acquisition of land is already in progress. The Master Plan of Basundhara Area showing all the mines and rail infrastructure submitted by the DFO, Sundargarh Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-II**.

Hence, the DFO, Sundargarh Division has stated that, which was forwarded by RCCF, Rourkela, the location of Basundhara Washery if changed towards the left will cover more quantum of forest area than the existing location and further it cannot be changed towards the west due to the fact that other Coal Washeries are planned to be set up in the near future. The reply of DFO, Sundargarh addressed to RCCF Rourkela along with field verification report is enclosed at **Annexure-III**.

Condition No.3:- CA site shall be revised.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the compensatory afforestation area (REGEDAKHOL RF of Gopalpur Range) which was selected and allotted in favour of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited as per the guidelines under FC Act 1980 for the area to be diverted for establishment of Coal Washery could accommodate 58.82 ha x 200 seedlings = 11764 seedlings and as the FAC indicates towards planting of 1000 nos. of seedlings per ha for 20.89 ha of fresh forest land to be diverted, the degraded forest land which has been verified through DSS to accommodate the balance (20890 – 11764 = 9126 nos.) of seedlings has been allotted in Singaribahal RF of Hemgiri Range. The DGPS survey of the forest patch in Singaribahal RF has also been carried out and duly authenticated by ORSAC, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and submitted by the DFO, Sundargarh Division. The patch as shown in the DGPS plan comprising of a gross area of 51.194 ha and effective area of 46 ha can be utilized for accommodating the additional 9126 nos. of seedlings, with ANR model @200 seedlings per ha.

The financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme over 51.194 ha (gross area) and effective area of 46.0 ha of degraded forest land at Singaribahal RF of Hemgiri Range of Sundargarh Forest Division against diversion of forest land of 29.41 ha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) by Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. has been technically approved

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for Rs 28,43,800/- (Rupees twenty eight lakhs forty three thousand and eight hundred) only by the Addl.PCCF(FD & NO, FC Act). The financial outlay alongwith the CA Scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

In view of the above, point wise compliance in 3 (Three) sets is sent herewith for consideration and onward transmission to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Annexure-I, II, III & IV
(in three sets)

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Odisha

Memo No. 22375 /Dt. 05-11-18

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela circle for information and necessary action with reference to his memo no. 3114 dated 29.09.2018.

[Signature]
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 22376 /Dt. 05-11-18

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to memo no. 3115 dated 29.09.2018 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

[Signature]
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 22377 /Dt. 05-11-18

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, At/Po-Basundhara, Dist-Sundargarh, Odisha for information and necessary action.

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Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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