



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

Memo No. 5304 /3F(Misc)-873/2024

Date: 23.10.2024

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act),
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub:

Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhnyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 134.69 ha of forest land for Expansion of Kulda Open cast Coal Mining Project of Basundhara Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in Sundargarh District.

Ref:

1. Letter No. 8-7/2024-FC Dated 11.06.2024 of MoEF & CC, GoI
2. Your Memo No. 18383 Dtd.10.09.2024.
3. Memo No.5749 Dtd.18.10.2024 of the DFO, Sundargarh Division.

In compliance with the observations communicated vide your memo No.18383 Dtd.10.09.2024, the User Agency has submitted their reply as per the Gazette Notifications Dtd.20.09.2024 of the MoEF & CC, GoI as regarding the use of degraded forest land by the Central PSUs for Compensatory Afforestation purpose and thereby they have requested to consider their proposal for Compensatory Afforestation over 305.59 ha (Effective area 289.96 ha) of degraded forest land for Kulda Expansion OCP of MCL.

Further, as stated by the DFO, Sundargarh Division, the aforesaid extent of degraded RF land over 286.96 ha comprising of **56.30 ha in Pandripani RF, 53.56 Ha in Sidarmunda, 56.10 ha in Panikholia RF & 121 ha in Punjipahad RF** proposed Compensatory Afforestation is neither found to have been encroached nor any new plantation has been taken up there as per the report of the Range Officer, Gopalpur. Further, the CA Scheme over the said extent of **286.96 Ha** of degraded forest land has already been approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(FD & NO, FC Act), with a financial outlay of Rs.9,54,46,100/- (**Copy enclosed**).

As such, EDS reply of the User Agency is submitted by the DFO, Sundargarh is enclosed herewith for favour of your kind information & necessary action.

Encl: As above.


**Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle**

Memo No. 5305

Date: 23-10-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.5748 Dtd.18.10.2024.


**Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle**