

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

Memo No. 3064 /DRP/2023/Dated. 24/4/24

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 observations made by the PCCF, Nodal.**

Ref: -  
1. File No. 8-143/1989-FC(Vol) dt. 31.10.2023 of GoI, MoEF & CC.  
2. Memo No. 7441 dt. 04.04.2024 of PCCF, Nodal.  
3. Your memo No. 1258 dt. 06.04.2024.  
4. Letter No. 440 dt. 08.04.2024 of GM, Hingula Area.

With reference to the above cited memo Nos. on the captioned subject, it is to inform you that on scrutiny of the compliance report by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer FC Act O/o the PCCF Odisha, Bhubaneswar, certain observations were noted vide his memo No. 7441 dt. 04.04.2024.

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. 2781 dt. 06.04.2024.

Now, the User Agency i.e. G.M. Hingula Area has submitted the point wise compliance report vide their Letter No. 440 dt. 08.04.2024. The details are given below.

**In context of observation point No. (iii) As per condition (ii) of the Forest Clearance vide L. No.8-143/89-FC dt.28.09.1990, the NFL land provided for CA must be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and declared as PF before release of applied forest land being diverted through Forest Clearance.**

**In the meanwhile, 24 years have been elapsed but the allotted NFL for CA has only been mutated in the name of Forest Department. No attempt has been made to declare the transferred and mutated land as "PF". The same needs to be complied.**

Reply by UA

In response to this observation, the UA, i.e., G.M. Hingula Area, has submitted an undertaking that 86.00 hectares of CA land identified against the diversion of 85.201 hectares of forest in Harpalli village in Kuarmunda Tahasil under Rourkela division will be notified as protected forest before Stage-II approval of the 193.845 ha forest land proposed for diversion for non-forest use. The undertaking is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

**In context of observation point No. (v)**

**Total ML area is 2574.0 ha. Out of which Forest Land is 278.0 ha and NFL is 2295.0 ha. It was stipulated to deposit NPV in the extant rate for the entire forest land of the ML. However, the UA has deposited Rs. 10,46,77,097/- only towards the NPV against the earlier Stage-II accorded forest land over 85.201 ha on dated 28.09.1990 in the extant rate. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to pay the NPV of forest land within the mining lease. The reason of non-payment of NPV for the entire forest land within mining lease may be furnished.**

Reply by UA

In response to this observation, the MoEF & CC noted in point No. (v) that proposal is for expansion of earlier approved area of 85.201 ha vide Ministry's letter dated 28.09.1990 (pg. 83-84/c). The State has provided the status of the reclaimed land. However, how much land out of 85.201 ha has been reclaimed it is not clear. Further, if the already diverted land has been de-coaled and reclaimed then why it has not been handed over to the SFD. **If the land is in the possession of the UA then the State Government shall ensure that NPV of the entire forest land within the lease area shall be deposited as per the Ministry's Guidelines dated 06.01.2022 read with the letter dated 22.03.2022.**

Further, the UA, i.e., G.M. Hingula Area, clarified that 13.42 hectares of the total 85.201 hectares of forest land has been biologically reclaimed and the UA has deposited the NPV amount of Rs. 10,46,77,097/- only through UTR no. SBINR52024021502494266 dated 15.02.2024 for the earlier approved project of 85.201 hectares. Besides, the UA has submitted the undertaking to deposit NPV for the entire leasehold area. The demand letter may be issued to the user agency for NPV after Stage-I approval of 193.845 hectares of forest land for non-forest use. The undertaking is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

**In context of observation point No. (vi)**

**KML file of the proposed land use of forest land of ML has not been provided in the enclosed pen-drive. The same may kindly be provided.**

Reply by UA

In response to this observation, the UA, i.e., G.M. Hingula Area, has submitted the KML file of the proposed land use of forest land of ML area in the **pen drive**.

Hence, the compliance reports along with pen drive 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

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

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division

Memo No. 3066 / Dated. 24.4.24

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Division & Nodal Officer FC Act O/O the PCCF Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to your Memo No. 7442 dt. 04.04.2024.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division

Memo No. 3067 / Dated. 24.4.24

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. 440 dt. 08.04.2024.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
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Annexure - I



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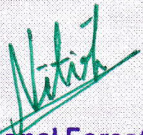
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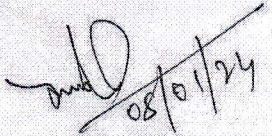
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Annexure - III

**Undertaking regarding declaration of CA land as protected forest**

Balram OCP hereby undertakes that 86.00 Ha CA Land identified against the diversion of 85.201 Ha forest in the Harapalli village in Kuarmunda Tahsil, Rourkela division in Sundergarh will be notified as protected forest before the grant of Stage - II.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul, Division

  
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UNDERTAKING FOR NET PRESENT VALUE OF FOREST AREA

I do hereby undertake to deposit the net present value (NPV) of entire forest land within the Mining lease area of Balram OCP Expansion Project 15 Mty. I also hereby undertake to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

*Nitish*  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul, Division

*[Signature]* 27/12/23  
General Manager,  
Hingula Area ~~सहायक~~  
हिंगुला क्षेत्र  
General Manager  
Hingula Area