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To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Government of India,

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road

New Delhi-110003

Sub:- Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 15.701 ha of revenue forest land in the villages of Dulanga, Ghumudasan and Manoharpur under Hemgiri Tahasil of Sundargarh District for Coal Mining in Manoharpur Coal Mine Project by M/s Odisha Coal and Power Ltd (OCPL) under DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division – Compliance to GoI observations regarding.

Ref:- Letter No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 12.02.2024 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, it is to inform that the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter dated 12.02.2024 has requested to furnish compliance to 6(six) nos of observations. The compliance basing on the reports of DFO, Sundargarh Forest division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

**Observation No. (i):-** KML files corresponding to SMC treatment areas and area covered under the Wildlife Management Plan needs to be uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal.

**Compliance:** The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the KML file showing the CA land of Manoharpur coal block corresponding to SMS treatment areas have been duly uploaded by the User Agency on the e-Green Watch portal. The screen shots of upload copy and KML file in form of softcopy (e-mail) by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division is enclosed at **Annexure-1**.

Further, as reported by him, the KML file showing the area covered under Wildlife Management Plan area has also been uploaded by the User Agency on the e-Green Watch portal. The screen shots of upload copy & KML file in form of softcopy (e-mail) submitted by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division is enclosed at **Annexure-2**.

*Observation No. (ii):- Copies of Notification furnished in compliance to condition no. A (2) of the 'in-principle' approval, are illegible. Therefore, the State Government needs to furnish the clear and legible copies of the notification of non-forest land identified as CA in lieu of diversion of 276.655 ha of forest land for information and record of the Ministry.*

**Compliance:** The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the clear and legible copies of the notification of non-forest land identified as CA in Village Hemgir (Sukhabandh A PF) & Village Durubaga (Durubaga PF) in lieu of diversion of 276.655 ha of forest land and in compliance with condition No. A (2) of the 'in principle' approval which is enclosed as **Annexure-3**.

*Observation No. (iii):- In compliance to condition No. A(5) and A(6) of the 'in-principle' approval, the State Government has reported that stipulated scheme and plans are already approved in compliance of approval dated 20.08.2014 granted over 276.655 ha of forest land and are being/will be implemented. Current status of progress made by the user agency towards the implementation of such schemes along with year wise details of the funds utilized for the implementation of the said schemes may be furnished by the State.*

**Compliance:** The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has intimated that, various schemes such as minimization of soil erosion & chocking of streams, plantation of drought hardy species, construction of retaining wall around the dump, stabilization of OB dump through proper grading etc. were approved in compliance with the conditions stipulated in the approval dated 20.08.2014 of the MoEF, Govt. of India granting over 276.655 ha of forest land; which are under implementation stage.

The details regarding progress of the schemes and year wise utilization of funds are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.

*Observation No. (iv):- No certificate, in compliance to condition no. A (8) of the 'in-principle' approval, has been submitted by the State. The same may be submitted by the State.*

**Compliance:** The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that no plantation activities has been taken over the CA land (i.e. 15.702 ha) identified in village Ankalbira under Hemgir Tahasil of Sundargarh District as reported by the Range Officer, Hemgir. The copy of Memo No.118 dated 23.03.2024 of the Range Officer, Hemgir Range in this regard is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.

*Observation No. (v):- In compliance to condition no. A(9) regarding compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, the documentary evidences in support of settlement of rights viz. consent of Gram Sabha (s)/Palli Sabha(s), consultation and meetings of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee have not been submitted along with the compliance the same needs to be submitted by the State. Further, in view of the fact that claims of 13 right holders over 3.893 ha of forest land is subjudice in the Hon'ble High Court of the Odisha, the State Government may inform the updated status of the matter.*

**Compliance:** The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the documentary evidences in support of settlement of rights viz. consent of Gram Sabha (s)/Palli Sabha(s), consultation meetings of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee which are enclosed as **Annexure-6**.



Further, the PA, ITDA vide his letter No.772 Dtd.15.03.2024 has informed that claims of 13 right holders over 3.893 ha of forest land is still subjudice in the Hon'ble High Court of the Odisha which is enclosed as **Annexure-7**.

The User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division regarding the settlement of all claims & rights and provision of ST&OTFD under Forest Right Act, 2006, which is enclosed as **Annexure - 8**.

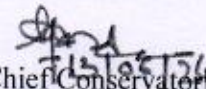
**Observation No. (vi):- Undertaking in compliance to condition no. B 7 (iv) of the 'In-principle' approval, copy of undertaking obtained from the user agency has not been submitted along with the compliance report.**

**Compliance:** The User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division in compliance with condition No. B 7 (iv) of the 'In-principle' approval which is enclosed as **Annexure-9**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations dated 12.02.2024 of Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

**Encl: Compliance in one set**


Yours faithfully

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. / Dt.

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 12.02.2024 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.


**Encl: Compliance in one set**

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. **11998** / Dt. **18.06.2024**


Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 12.02.2024 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi and Memo No. 2968/FE&CC dated 23.02.2024 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

**Encl: Compliance in one set**

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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. 1613 dated 17.04.2024.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

/Dt.


Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1614 dated 17.04.2024 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

/Dt.

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Mines), Odisha Coal & Power Limited (OCPL), Zone-A, Ground Floor, Fortune Towers, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 12.02.2024 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)