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To

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

O/o. the Principal Chief Conservation of Forests & HoFF, Odisha.

Sub: -

Proposal for diversion of 193.845 Ha forest land within Mining Lease area over 1265.00 Ha. of Balaram Open Cast expansion (15MTy) Coal Block of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited in Angul Forest Division of Angul District.

: - Submission of compliance report.

Ref: -

(i) Your Memo No. 11076/9F (MG) 304/2023 dated 09.06.2023.

(ii) Memo No.4097 dated 18.7.2023 of DFO, Angul Forest Division addressed

to this office, copy thereof endorsed to you vide next memo of even date.

In inviting a reference to the memos cited above on the subject this is to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division vide his Memo No.4097 dated 18.07.2023 has submitted point-wise compliance on the observation made vide your memo under reference (Copy enclosed). The point-wise compliance is furnished below:-

1.Observation

In land use pattern, the user agency has mentioned to utilize 5.229 ha forest land towards infrastructure. The details of infrastructure to be constructed and the approximate forest land needed for the same are to be furnished with justification for locating the same on forest land.

Compliance

In compliance to this observation, the UA has intimated that in land use pattern, it is mentioned that 5.229 ha of forest land will be used for infrastructure purpose out of which, in 3.1 Ha of forest land area, a railway line is proposed from Subhadra OCP to Angul railway station and remaining 2.129 Ha of forest area is in scattered patches in which a pipe conveyor is proposed to be constructed in future which is enclosed as Annexure-I.

2.Observation-

The user agency has submitted the compliance to the forest clearance accorded on dt. 28.09.1990 over 85.01 ha forest land. In compliance to the condition no. (iii), the UA has stated that around 156.37 ha mined out area has been back filled and 3,73,044 nos. of seedlings have been planted on the back filled area. The KML file of the planted back filled area over 156.37 ha may be furnished.

Compliance

In compliance to this condition the UA has intimated that till date, in Balram OCP, total of 3,73,044 nos of saplings were planted in 156.37 ha. Bifurcation of plantation type, area in ha and no. of plantation is given below.

Sl. No	Type of plantation	Area in Ha	No.of plantation	
1.	External OB	26.52	66300	
2.	Internal OB	89.02	222550	
3.	Avenue	14.37	10804	
4.	Block	26.46	73390	
	Total	156.37	373044	

The KML file of the above plantation and details is enclosed in hard copy as well as in soft copy as *Annexure II*.

- 3 Observation Undertaking to hand over the above reclaimed and planted area to the forest department to be furnished.
 - Compliance In compliance to this observation, the UA has submitted an undertaking to handover the technically and biologically reclaimed de-coaled forest area to the Forest Department which is enclosed as *Annexure-III*.
- Observation DFL for taking up CA has been identified in Dhenkanal division. DFO, Dhenkanal to produce an undertaking stating that no plantation under any scheme has been taken up in the identified DFL in Dolia and Anantapur RF during last 10 years.
 - Compliance In the compliance to the observation, the DFO, Dhenkanal Division has reported that no plantation has been taken up in the identified DFL area of Dolia and Anantapur RF during last 10 years vide his Memo No.5728 dated 11.7.2023 which is enclosed as *Annexure IV*.
- In CA scheme, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to hand over the exact extent of afforested non-forest land against the proposed forest land for diversion as the UA has proposed to take up twice DFL for CA violating the condition framed by MoEF& CC, GOI while granting Stage-I to Utkal-E of M/s NALCO on dt. 12.03.2021 for Talcher Tract bearing Coal. The UA is required to furnish the details of the non-forest area proposed to be hand over to the department after taking up plantation after 10 years of getting Stage-II clearance.
 - Compliance In compliance to this observation, the User Agency has intimated that the undertaking submitted for handing over of exact extent of afforested nonforest land against the proposed forest land, the details (Plan showing the area to be handed over) of non-forest area proposed to hand over to forest department after taking up plantation after 10 years of getting stage-II clearance is enclosed as *Annexure V*.

In view of the above compliance, the undertaking and annexures submitted by the DFO, Angul Division is sent herewith in three sets for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl: - As above.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests Angul.

Memo No	27.90	Dated-	19.	7-	23
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.4097 dated 18.7 2023

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests

Memo No. 2791/ Dated. 19-7-23

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.5729 dated 11.07.2023.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests Angul.

Memo No. 2792/ Dated. 19-7-23

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. 366 dt. 12.07.2023.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
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