



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

Memo No. 320 /3F-771/2021.

Date: 05.02.2021

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Division.

Sub:-

Proposal seeking clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change, Govt. of India for diversion of 342.870Ha forest land for non-forestry purpose towards development of Dip side Manoharpur Coal Mining Project of Odisha Coal & Power Ltd.

Ref:

1. Your Memo No.261 Dtd.13.01.2021.
2. This office Memo No.166 Dtd.25.01.2021 and 251 Dtd.02.02.2021.

With reference to your aforecited Memo on the captioned subject, on scrutiny of the above proposal, the following shortcomings/ discrepancies are observed:

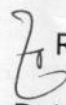
1. The check lists have not been signed by the DFO.
2. In check list Sl. No.07, the extent of Revenue Forest and that of Reserve Forest have been mentioned as 166.29 ha & 176.58 ha respectively. But, in the part-II & Site Inspection Report, the extent of Revenue & RF have been mentioned as 166.28 and 176.59 ha respectively. The discrepancies, in this regard needs to be clarified/rectified.
3. The following maps required to be submitted in the Diversion Proposal
 - i) Safety Zone map
 - ii) Propose land use map
 - iii) Broken area map
 - iv) Existing land use map
 - vii) Proposed land use map
4. Justification for locating the Project in Forest area be countersigned by the DFO.
5. The Certificate for minimum use of forest land furnished by the UA at P/158 has not been countersigned by the DFO.
6. The Cost benefit Ananalis has neither been signed by the UA nor by the DFO.
7. All the undertakings furnished in the DP should be authenticated by the DFO
8. Tree enumeration list both for Forest and NF land involved in the project has not been enclosed in the DP. Further, no. of trees to be felled from forest and non-forest land should be reported.
9. Suitability certificate furnished in CA scheme has not been signed by the DFO. Further, Topo maps said to have been enclosed in the CA scheme are not found to be enclosed. The DGPS maps of the CA land is also not enclosed.
10. The proposal is for diversion of 342.870 ha of forest land comprising of 176.59 of RF & 166.28 ha of Revenue forest land. But in the Site Inspection Report against Sl. No.8, it has been mentioned that the "Proposed diversion of the revenue forest is for Dip Side of Manoharpur Coal Mine Project (Expansion of Manoharpur Coal Mine Project) and enclosed as Annexure-E" which is not comprehensible.

11. The information furnished against Sl.No.12 of the Site Inspection Report is not adequate & appropriate as the no. of trees to be felled & its impact on the eco-system has not been furnished. Further, it has been mentioned therein that "The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit the cost of NPV and Coal of CA as approved" which is not understood.
12. The PDF file of the proposal in C.D. form has not been submitted
13. In the RR plan, it has been stated that there are 230 Nos. of displaced families & 525 no. of affected families due the above project. But in the Site Inspection Report against Sl. No.14, i.e. the Position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation, if any is reported to be Nil. Needs clarification.
14. Against Sl.No.16 of the Site Inspection Report, it should be specifically reported whether, the NF land used in the project and non-forest land selected for CA is included in the DLC report or not.
15. It should be specifically reported whether any court case is pending against this project or not.
16. All the documents furnished in the DP should be authenticated by the DFO. Although instruction in this regard has been issued earlier, the same is not adhered to.

Therefore, the diversion proposal is returned herewith in quadruplicate for resubmission of the same at the earliest after due compliance with the deficiencies as pointed out above for taking further follow up action at this end.

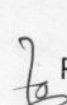
Encl: As above.

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Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference Memo No. 262 dtd.13.01.2021 of DFO, Sundargarh Division & this office Memo No.167 Dtd.25.01.2021 and 252 Dtd.02.02.2021.

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