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Memo No. 1023 /9F(MG)-304/2023
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 18th January, 2023

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Forest Division

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 193.845 ha of forest land for Balram Open Cast Coal Mining Project of Hingula Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL)

Ref: Your office Memo No.7992 dated 05.11.2022

With reference to your office memo on the subject cited above, it is to inform you that on scrutiny of the above proposal, the following shortcomings are noticed.

1. Details of Gazette Notification of Government of India mentioning forest and non-forest land involved in the proposed Balaram expansion OCP has not been furnished.
2. Allotment order of Ministry of Coal, Government of India needs to be enclosed.
3. It is the expansion project of existing Balaram OCP. Hence, a matrix showing details of land allotted through different Gazette Notification by GoI, and the land to be used for existing project and the balance land available should be submitted by the user agency.
4. Details report about conceptual formation of the project was not furnished.
5. As per enclosed Mining Plan (Chapter-9), the affected villages of the project are Banabaspur, Telipur, Solada, Satyabadipur, Gopalprasad Khamar, Birabarpur, Khuringa. But project has been submitted excluding Satyabadipur, Gopalprasad Khamar and including village Kalamchhuin. Accordingly, Tahasildar has also submitted the land Schedule. Clarification/Rectification based on the allotment order of the project is required.
6. In Parivesh Portal at item No. B-2.3, it is mentioned that 51.77 ha non-forest land in village Banabaspur is required for the project. But the Tahasildar, Talcher has furnished land schedule for 56.77 ha of non-forest land required for the project duly signed by the DFO, Angul. Justification/Clarification for such discrepancy is required.

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7. The pattern of utilization of land as per the approved mining plan, excavation is proposed over 186.765 ha. But in the site inspection report of the DFO, Angul and RCCF, Angul, it is mentioned that the excavation area is 187.149 ha. Correctness of the pattern of utilization required to be submitted.
8. In the approved mining plan the Safety zone is kept as 1.851 ha in forest land. But in the site inspection report of the DFO, Angul and RCCF, Angul, has mentioned that the Safety zone area is 1.467 ha in forest land. Please clarify.
9. Details of land schedule enclosed as a separate volume to the diversion proposal have not been signed by the DFO, Angul.
10. It is stated by the user agencies that Form-I have been submitted to obtain EC. But no supporting documents regarding the claim are enclosed in the diversion proposal.
11. Project involves rehabilitation and re-settlement. But no documents regarding conduct of socio-economic survey to assess the impact of displacement is enclosed in the diversion proposal.
12. Tree enumeration has not ^{been} taken up in Government and private non-forest land. About 5 lakhs of Bamboo clumps are to be removed as enumerated. What precautionary measure was taken as the proposed site is habitat for Elephant.
13. In CA scheme fencing has not been estimated as per the actual perimeter of the site proposed for CA plantation.
14. Proposed land use plan map of the project not enclosed.
15. Map of the Safety zone of the project by Mining plan preparing authority has not submitted in the diversion proposal.
16. Phased reclamation plan map of the project not enclosed.
17. Undertaking from user agency to reimburse the cost incurred from DMF fund for raising 12,000 seedlings already planted under UTP and now proposed for diversion.
18. 85.01 ha forest land has been diverted by MoEF &CC vide F.C No.8-143/89- dt. 28.09.1990. In Mining plan, it is proposed to divert a portion of safety zone of the approved project. Hence, Compliance of the stipulations in details duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul are required.
19. Under taking from the user agency to take up plantation of 1.5 times area of Safety zone is wanting.
20. Documents and maps need to be signed by revenue and forest officials.

In view of the above, the diversion proposal received in duplicate is returned herewith for necessary compliance and ^{to} re-submit the same at the earliest for taking necessary action at this end. It is reiterated that while forwarding diversion proposal, utmost care has to be taken at your level which ultimately make this office easier for scrutinizing and processing DPs to avoid inordinate delay. Such casual approach has to be avoided in future while checking diversion proposal at your level. Hence, you are instructed to go through the shortcomings as pointed out above and submit complete proposal for further action.

Encl: DP in 2 (Two) sets

Signature - 17/01/23
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 1024 /Dt. 18.01.2023

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No. 7991 dated 05.11.2022 of DFO, Angul Forest Division to his address. He is requested to impress upon DFO, Angul for scrutinizing DPs properly as per existing rules and guidelines in force.

Signature - 17/01/23
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 1025 /Dt. 18.01.2023

Copy forwarded to Sri Arun Kumar Swarnkar, General Manager, Hingula Area, At/Po-Danra, Talcher, Angul- for information & necessary action.

Signature - 17/01/23
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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