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Memo No. 595/5F.FC-108//2023 dated. 15-2-24

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Angul Forest Division.

Sub:- Seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 44.64 ha. forest land and 13.09 ha Lookalike forest (Total 57.73 ha) for coal mining at Bharatpur Open cast expansion project at Bharatpur area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited(MCL).

Ref:- (i) Proposal No. 153736/2022
(ii) State SI No. OR-060/2022 dated 05.12.2022
(iii) Your Memo No.661 dated 19.01.2024

With reference to your EDS compliance, the CA land pertaining to Bharatpur OCP project has been identified in 43.519 Ha of degraded forest land in Sunajhari RF of Bhubana Range and 72.462 Ha of Ramei RF in Sarangi Range under Dhenkanal Forest Division of Dhenkanal District.

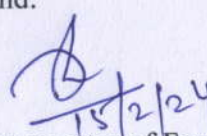
In this connection, the following clarification has already been issued by ministry in file No.FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 18.07.2022.

- i) Provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 shall apply to the proposals submitted on line through Parivesh portal and which have not been accepted by the Nodal officer before 28.06.2022.
- ii) Provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 shall apply to the proposals submitted online through Parivesh portal and which have been accepted by the Nodal Officer before 28.06.2022.

As the said proposal has been accepted by Nodal Officer on 05.12.2022 which is after 28.06.2022, provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 shall have application and Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 provides that the compensatory afforestation, in lieu of forest land proposed for diversion, has to be raised over equivalent non- forest land which is not under the management and administrative control of the Forest Department. But, in the said proposal, the CA land has been identified in the degraded forest land.

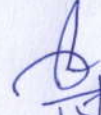
Hence, the diversion proposal is returned herewith with a request to intimate to the User Agency for submission of CA over equivalent non forest land.

Encl:- As above


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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa for favour of information with reference to Memo No. 663 dated 19.01.2024 of the DFO, Angul Division.


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Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Bharatpur area for information and necessary action.


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