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Memo No. 6793  
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the

/9F(MG)- 49/2023  
24th March'2025

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Rourkela Circle.

**Sub:** Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam), 1980 for non-forestry use of 134.69 ha forest land for Expansion of Kulda Open cast Coal Mining Project of Basundhara Area of Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited in Sundargarh district of Sundargarh Forest Division

**Ref:** (i) Letter No.8-7/2024-FC Dated 06.01.2025 of MoEF & CC GoI.  
(ii) Your Memo No.1192 dated.12.03.2025.

In inviting a reference to the aforesaid office memos on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that during the course of scrutiny and verification of the compliance submitted by you on the observations raised by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi on dated 06.01.2025 the following discrepancy is noticed which needs to be complied.

**Observation- i** The area proposed for CA on DFL is having MDF over 116 ha as per DSS analysis. Further, as informed by the State the area involves road, cultivated land and claims under FRA, 2006, which indicate that the area proposed for CA is neither completely suitable for plantation, nor it is free from encumbrances. The State Govt. shall therefore exclude the area which is not suitable for CA and provide alternate DFL twice in extent to the area proposed for diversion which is suitable for raising plantation and is free from all encumbrances. All requisite details with respect to the revised CA area shall be provided.

In compliance to the above the DFO, Sundargarh Division may be asked to furnish the followings.

- (i) The Site Specific CA scheme with respect to revised CA area shall be prepared separately of whole degraded forest land as per approved one-time cost norm based on average of 500 seedlings per ha and 400 seedling per ha based on plantation model given by the DFO with 18 month old seedlings including provision of soil moisture conservation activities, watering and fencing etc. with maintenance up to 10 years.

(ii) The following certificates are to be furnished duly authenticated by all concerned.

- (a) Land suitability Certificate
- (b) DSS Analysis Certificate
- (c) Species to be planted
- (d) Non- encroachment & non-encumbrance
- (e) Not covered under any ML/PL area, not settled earlier in favour of to any individual or community.
- (f) Geo-Referenced map of the CA land
- (g) Certificate regarding Adequate Soil Depth to sustain plantation and area manageable from Silvicultural point of view.
- (h) Certificate regarding Canopy Density.

In this context I am directed to request you to furnish the compliance to the above deficiencies immediately for further course of action at this end at an earliest.

Memo No. 6794 /Dt. 24.03.2025 Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.1193 dated 12.03.2025 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 6795 /Dt. 24.03.2025

Copy forwarded to the Chief Manager Mines, Project Officer, Kulda OCP, Basundhara Area, MCL, Sundargarh, Odisha-770076 for information & necessary action.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)