



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

Memo No. 7969 /9F(Misc)- 06 /2016
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 11th April, 2018

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 29.41 ha of forest land (20.89 ha forest land and 8.52 ha of forest land for re-diversion out of already diverted forest area of 227.89 ha of Kulda OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields (Ltd) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundargarh District for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY) by Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) (State SI No.OR/07/2016 Dt.08.02.2016)

With reference to the above captioned subject, it is to inform you that, during scrutiny of the compliances to the observations of FAC communicated vide F&E Department letter No.10F(Cons)91/2016-7013/F&E dated 07.04.2017, the following discrepancies are observed.

Observation No.2 of FAC:- *The layout of the proposed washery shall be changed to the extent that the patch of forest coming under proposed land for diversion could be avoided.*

Compliance to the above observation is not satisfactory. The User Agency should be asked to report under which circumstances the layout of the proposed washery can not be changed to avoid the patch of forest with proper justification and exact no of trees need to be felled for construction of this project.

Observation No.3 of FAC:- *Compensatory Afforestation site shall be revised.*

In response to the above observation, it has been reported by the user agency that the compensatory afforestation land has been identified by the State Govt. and the scheme has been approved, hence State Govt. is to comply the observation and request the MoEF & CC to accept the selected CA site proposed earlier.

In this context, I would like to impress upon you that observation of FAC indicates towards planting of 1000 nos. of seedlings per ha for 20.89 ha of fresh forest land to be diverted. The selected CA land can accommodate only (58.82 ha x 200 seedlings =) 11764 seedlings. DFO Sundargarh should try to identify further degraded forest land after analysing through DSS to accommodate the balance (20890-11764=) 9126 nos. of seedlings, so that observations of FAC can be complied. Further you are requested to submit a copy of the KML file of CA land, which is not available in the office copy of the diversion proposal.

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Compliance report alongwith annexures in quadruplicate is returned here with for necessary correction and resubmission for further action at this end.

Encl: As above

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Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. *7970* /Dt. *11-04-18*

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action.

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Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

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Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Basundhara area of MCL for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.379 dated 09.02.2018 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

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