

Memo No. Dated, Bhubaneswar the /9F (MG) - 64/2019

March, 2021

To

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division

Sub-: Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the FC Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 15.701 ha of revenue forest land in the villages of Dulanga, Ghumudasan and Manoharpur under Hemgiri Tahasil of Sundargarh district for Coal Mining in Manaharpur Coal Mine Project by M/s Odisha Coal and Power Ltd (OCPL) under DFO, Sundargarh-regarding.

Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of F. No. 8-63/2011-FC dated 01.03.2021 of GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi addressed to the Addl.Chief Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Odisha, BBSR and others on the captioned subject which is self explanatory. In this context, I am directed to request you to comply the observations pointed out in the above mentioned letter and furnish the required compliance along with the required documents in 4(Four) sets to this office through RCCF, Rourkela Circle for onward transmission to the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

This is urgent. Encl-As above

Chief Conservator of Forest(Nodal) Dt. 24-3-2021

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Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action.

Chief Conservator of Forest(Nodal)

Memo No. 657 Dt. 24-3-2021

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Mines), Odisha Coal and Power Ltd., Zone-A, Ground Floor, Fortune Towers, Chandrasekharpur, BBSR-751023 for information and necessary action.

Chief Conservator of Forest(Nodal)

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Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road New Delhi-110003

> > Dated: 1st March, 2021

To

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The Addl. Secretary (Forests), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of of 15.701 ha of revenue forest land in the villages of Dulanga, Ghumudasan and Manoharpur under Hemgiri Tahasil of Sundargarh district for Coal Mining in Manoharpur Coal Mine Project by M/s Odisha Coal and Power Ltd. (OCPL) under DFO, Sundargarh-reg.

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No.10F (Cons) 112/125139/F&E dated 21.12.19 and 21809/9F (MG)- 64/2019 dated 14.12.2020 submitting above subject proposal for consideration and approval of Government of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 and to say that the above proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 27.01.2021. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 27.01.2021 are hosted on the website of this Ministry:-www.forestclearance.nic.in.

The FAC, after thorough deliberation and discussion with PCCF/Nodal Officer Odisha and IRO Bhubaneswar, observed that the State Government vide its communication no. 21809/9F (MG)- 64/2019 dated 14.12.2020 has informed that the total forest area within 1064.402 ha (total approved mining plan area) is 273.288 ha. Whereas on perusal of other data related to area as confirmed by the Regional Officer the forest area is reported to be 349.434 ha. Accordingly, FAC deferred the proposal seeking clarity on discrepancies in the area, from the State Government.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to clarify on discrepancies in the area, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistnat Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar
- 3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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