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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 10F(Cons)- 43/2018 22817 / F&E. Dated :

27-10-18

From: Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS,  
Special Secretary to Government.

To

The PCCF, Odisha

Sub: Proposal for according permission for use of 0.64ha. of forest land within total forest land of 249 ha. located inside Rabipur Reserved Forests in Talcher Forest Range of Angul Forest Division for undertaking exploratory drilling of 16 no. of boreholes @ 0.04ha each by M/s Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Company Limited (earlier allotted to M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd.) for prospecting of coal in forest areas of Chandrabila Coal Block of Angul district in Odisha

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to letter No.21773/F&E dt. 9.10.2018 of F&E Department on the above mentioned subject and to say that you were requested to instruct the DFO, Angul to report the average weighted crown density of the proposed prospecting area as per latest FSI report to this department within a period of 15 days positively for processing the proposal furnished by you accordingly. Such report has not yet been received from the DFO, Angul till date. Meanwhile GoI, MoEF&CC vide their letter F.No. 8-04/2015-FC dt. 10.10.2018 have communicated the FAC's observations dt. 30.8.2018 as reported earlier vide your letter No. 20314 dt. 3.10.2018.

In view of this, it is requested again to instruct the DFO, Angul to furnish the average weighted crown density of the proposed prospecting area as per latest FSI report to this department without further delay.

Yours faithfully,

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22818 /F&E, date. 27-10-18

Copy forwarded to the Addl. Secretary to Government, Steel & Mines Department/Collector, Angul for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22819 /F&E, date. 27-10-18

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul /Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Division for information and **immediate compliance**.

Special Secretary to Government

**E:mail: [cemines@tnebn.org](mailto:cemines@tnebn.org)/ [chairman@tnebn.org](mailto:chairman@tnebn.org)**

Memo No. 22820 /F&E, date. 27-10-18

Copy forwarded to the Principal Secretary, Chairman & Managing Director, TANGEDCO & TNEB Ltd. NPKRR Maaligai, Electricity Avenue, 144, Anna Salai, Chennai- 600002/Chief Engineer/Mechanical/Mines, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Company Limited, IInd Floor, Western Wing, NPKRR Maaligai, Electricity Avenue, 144, Anna Salai, Chennai- 600002 for information and necessary action with reference to D.O Ir. No CE/M/Mines/EE/A1/F, Chandrabila CB/D 224/2018 dt. 1.10.2018 of Principal Secretary to Addl. Chief Secretary, F&E department, Govt. of Odisha.

Special Secretary to Government



Handwritten: 24/12/2018, 73-X, 2018

F. No. 8-04/2015-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(FC Division)

Indira paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor bag Road,  
New Delhi - 110003

Dated: September, 2018

So (12/9) Oct 10<sup>th</sup>,

To,

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

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha letter no. 10F(cons) -255/2014-550/F&D dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and 10F(cons)-43/2018-11279/F&E dated 16.05.2018 submitting the above subject proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meetings held on 30.08.2018. The detailed minutes of the FAC meetings held on 30.08.2018 are placed on the website of this Ministry: www. forestclearance.nic.in.

2. The FAC in its meeting held on 30.08.2018, FAC after through deliberation & discussion with APCCF, Regional Office and User Agency observed that the present proposal is for prospecting of coal in forest area. It is also observed that initially the proposal was in name of NTPC whereas now the user agency name has been changed to TANGEDCO. Further FAC perused the facts and observed that MoEF&CC had delegated the power for allowing prospecting over forest area to the State Government as per MoEF&CC guidelines no. 5-3/2007-FC dated 09.05.2018. In this regard FAC recommend that the proposal may be returned to the State to take appropriate action as per the guidelines.

3. In view of above, the instant proposal is hereby returned to take up appropriate action by the State Govt. in the matter.

This issues with approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

*Sd/-*  
(Sandeep Sharma) 10.10.18

Assistant Inspector General of forest (FC)

Copy to :-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. Old User Agency: (CMD, NTPC Limited NTPC Bhawan, SCOPE complex, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
5. New User Agency: Principal Secretary / Chairman & Managing Director/ TANGEDCO & TNEB Ltd., NPKRR Maaligai, Electricity Avenue, 144, Ana Salai, Chennai.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
7. Guard file.

*Sd/-*  
(Sandeep Sharma) 10.10.18

Assistant Inspector General of forest (FC)