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Memo No. 744 /9F (MG) – 304/2023
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 04th April' 2024

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Angul Circle

Sub:- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Mahanadi Coal Field limited for non-forestry use of 193.845 ha forest land within mining lease area over 1265.00 ha of Balaram Open Cast expansion (15 MTY) Coal Block of Mahanadi Coal Field Limited in Angul Forest division of Angul district – regarding.

Ref:- (i) Letter No. 8-143/1989-FC (Vol) dated 30.10.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi
(ii) Your Memo No. 1093 Dt.20.03.2024.

On scrutiny of the compliance report furnished by you, the following observations are noticed:-

Point No.(iii):- As per condition (ii) of the Forest Clearance vide L. No.8-143/89-FC dt.28.09.1990, the NFL land provided for CA must be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and declared as PF before release of applied forest land being diverted through Forest Clearance.

In the meanwhile, 24 years have been elapsed but the allotted NFL for CA has only been mutated in the name of Forest Department. No attempt has been made to declare the transferred and mutated land as “PF”. The same needs to be complied.

Point No.(v):- Total ML area in 2574.0 ha. Out of which Forest Land is 278.0 ha and NFL is 2295.0 ha. It was stipulated to deposit NPV in the extant rate for the entire forest land of the ML. However, the UA has deposited Rs.10,46,77,097/- only towards the NPV against the earlier Stage-II accorded forest land over 85.201 ha on dated 28.09.1990 in the extant rate. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to pay the NPV of forest land within the mining lease. The reason of non-payment of NPV for the entire forest land within mining lease may be furnished.

Point No.(vi):- KML file of the proposed land use of forest land of ML has not been provided in the enclosed pen-drive. The same may kindly be provided.

In this context, I am directed to request you to furnish the required compliance to the above observations alongwith the required documents in 4(Four) sets to this office for onward transmission to the GoI, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

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Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1094 dated 20.03.2024 of RCCF, Angul Circle.

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Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, MCL, Hingula Area, At/Po-Danara, Talcher, Dist-Angul, Odisha, Pin-759148 for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1095 dated 20.03.2024 of RCCF, Angul Circle.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)