

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; ANGUL DIVISION: ANGUL

Letter No. 3893 / Dated. 24.5.2024

To

1. General Manager, Lingaraj OCP.
2. General Manager, Bhartpur OCP.
3. General Manager, Ananta OCP.
4. General Manager, Jagannath OCP.
5. General Manager, Balanda OCP.

Sub: - Accredited Compensatory Afforestation (ACA) land identified in Odisha by MCL regarding.

Sir,

Enclosed, please find a copy of memo No. 10130 dated 15.05.2024, received from PCCF, FD & NO, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, which is self-explanatory.

Further, you are requested to submit the requisite documents, such as maps and authenticated copies of revenue records, of the 167.83 ha of land proposed for ACA. Thereafter, conduct the joint verification with forest/revenue officials and user agency to ascertain the suitability of the same land for ACA and submit the same to this office immediately for taking further action in the matter.

Encl: - As above.

Yours faithfully,


Divisional Forest Office
Angul Division

Memo No. 3894 Dt. 24.5.2024

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle, Angul for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to memo No. 10131 dt. 15.05.2024 of PCCF, Nodal FD & NO, FC Act. O/O the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.


Divisional Forest Office
Angul Division

Memo No. 3895 Dt. 24.5.2024

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act O/O the Principal C.C.F Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to your memo No. 10130 dt. 15.05.2024.


Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Division

Through E-mail



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Memo No. 10130 /9F(ACA)-18/2024
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 15th May, 2024

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Angul Forest Division

Sub: Accredited Compensatory Afforestation (ACA) land identified in Odisha by MCL – regarding.

In inviting a reference to subject cited above, this is to inform you that the Secretary, GoI, Ministry of Coal vide DO letter dated 07.11.2023 addressed to Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha (copy enclosed as **Annexure-I**) has intimated that M/s MCL has identified 167.83 ha of non-forest decoaled land for Accredited Compensatory Afforestation (ACA) in accordance with the ACA guideline. Subsequently, the Joint Secretary, GoI, Ministry of Coal has requested the Addl. Chief Secretary, FE&CC Dept., Govt. of Odisha (copy enclosed as **Annexure-II**) for offline acceptance of the said land as ACA as online submission, processing and approval system through web portal is still not activated.

A virtual meeting in this regard was conducted on 13.05.2024 at 11.30 AM under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Coal) and the matter was discussed in the meeting.

In the above context, you are requested to insist upon the MCL authority to submit requisite documents like maps, authenticated copies of revenue records etc. of the 167.83 ha land proposed for ACA and there after conduct the joint verification for ascertaining the suitability of the same parcel of land for ACA with reference to guidelines communicated by MoEF&CC.

[Signature]
7.14/5/24
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 10131 Dt. 15/05/2024

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Angul Circle for information and necessary action.

Sri Nath Babu kindly do the needful.

[Signature]
14/05/24
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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D.O. No. SDC/6/2023-SDC

07.11.2023

I am writing to bring to your kind attention a matter of utmost importance concerning the implementation of Accredited Compensatory Afforestation (ACA) guidelines issued by MoEFCC. In pursuance of these guidelines, coal CPSEs have taken initiatives for identification of suitable afforested land for notification under the provisions of the guidelines.

2. I am happy to inform that with support of the State Government, coal CPSE working in your State has not only significantly increased its coal production levels over the years to meet the ever-growing energy demands of our nation but has also demonstrated their unwavering commitment to the preservation of the native environment. This commitment is exemplified by their extensive afforestation efforts in and around coal-bearing areas, primarily on de-coaled lands, which encompass both diverted forest land and non-forest land.

3. The plantation carried out on non-forest back-filled areas and external overburden dumps aligns perfectly with the objectives of ACA. To further contribute to this noble effort, MCL has identified approximately 168 Ha (mine-wise details of identified ACA land enclosed) of non-forest de-coaled land for ACA in accordance with the ACA guidelines. Furthermore, it is actively identifying more such lands to create an ACA land bank for the future Forest Clearance (FC) requirements of coal mining projects. In this regard, MCL is submitting proposals to the State Forest Department for the notification of these identified afforested lands as ACA.

4. The Guidelines on ACA envision an online submission, processing, and approval system through a centralized web portal. Until the online portal becomes functional, the provisions of these guidelines are to be implemented in offline mode as per the ACA guidelines.

5. In view of the above, I would be immensely grateful if you could advice the State Forest Department to take up the application of ACA of MCL to expedite the registration process of the identified suitable land parcels as per ACA guidelines in offline mode for the timely execution of crucial coal projects till the online portal of ACA is operationalized by MoEFCC. This, in the long term, will not only benefit our environment but also contribute to the sustainable development goals we are committed to achieving.


6. Thank you for your cooperation, and I look forward to a positive response from your end.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Amrit Lal Meena)

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7.11.23
(Amrit Lal Meena)

Accredited Compensatory Afforestation (ACA) Land Identified in Odisha in MCL												
PSU	Sl. No.	Name of the Mine	State	State Forest/DFO	Status of ACA Registration	Area Identified for ACA (Ha)	Year of Plantation	Canopy Density of Plantation	Composition of Species	Location of ACA		
										Latitude	Longitude	
MCL	1	Lingaraj OCP	Odisha	Angul	Submitted the details of identified ACA land in the 05 projects of MCL to PCCF Nodal, Govt. of Odisha for registration of afforested non forest land for ACA on 13.06.2023.	15.05		Number of plants: 30000, canopy density > 40%	Mixed species (Gambhari, Karanja, Siris, Sissoo, Katakikayan, RadhaChuda, Chakunda, Krunachuda etc.)	20° 57' 29" N	85° 11' 56" E	
MCL	2	Bharatpur OCP	Odisha	Angul		65.74	1991-2018	Number of plants: 64326, canopy density > 40%	Gambhari, Karanja, Siris, Sissoo, Katakikayan, Radha Chuda, Chakunda, Krishna Chuda etc	20°57'29.82"N 20°57'30.70"N 20°57'16.40"N 20°57'19.40"N 20°57'6.16"N 20°56'54.59"N 20°56'25.60"N	85° 7'20.77"E 85° 7'28.19"E 85° 79.19"E 85° 7'17.22"E 85° 6'38.31"E 85° 7'42.34"E	
MCL	3	Ananta OCP	Odisha	Angul		46.798		Number of plants: 103750, canopy density > 40%	Neem, Mahanecm, Amla, Harida, Bahada, Gambhari, Karanja, Sisiris, katakikayan, Sissoo, Teak, RadhaChuda, Chakunda, Krishna Chuda etc.	20° 57' 35" N 20° 57' 19" N 20° 57' 43" N 20° 57' 31" N 20° 56' 38" N 20° 56' 33" N 20° 57' 00" N 20° 56' 39" N 20° 56' 36" N	85° 08' 08" E 85° 08' 41" E 85° 08' 54" E 85° 08' 06" E 85° 09' 06" E 85° 08' 53" E 85° 08' 07" E 85° 09' 40" E 20° 56' 36" E	
MCL	4	Jagannath OCP	Odisha	Angul		33.81		Number of plants: 85000, canopy density > 40%	Chakunda, Karanja, Sisham, Krishnachuda, gambhari, etc.	Chakunda, Karanja, Sisham, Krishnachuda, gambhari, etc.		
MCL	5	Balanda OCP	Odisha	Angul		6.429	1991-2006	Number of plants: 10750, canopy density > 40%	Saal, Gambhari, Karanja, Sisiris, RadhaChuda, Chakunda, Krishna Chuda etc.	Saal, Gambhari, Karanja, Sisiris, RadhaChuda, Chakunda, Krishna Chuda etc.	20° 56' 26" N 20° 55' 39" N 20° 56' 05" N 20° 55' 57" N	85° 08' 48" E 85° 08' 08" E 85° 09' 19" E 85° 07' 48" E
CIL						167.83						
					Total - MCL							