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Memo No. 11200 /9F(MG)- 49/2023

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Rourkela Circle

**Sub: Proposal towards seeking clearance form Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India for diversion of 134.69 ha of forest land for Expansion of Kulda Open Cast Coal Mining Project of Basundhara Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/50293/2020, State Serial No. OR-050/2021 dated 08.07.2021)**

Ref: Your office Memo No.1727 dated 24.05.2023

In inviting a reference to your aforesaid office memo on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that during the course of scrutiny and verification of the above proposal the following discrepancies are noticed:-

As recommended by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle, the proposed expansion of Kulda Open Cast Coal Mining Project includes the following categories of land:-

Sl. No.	Village /R.F.	Proposed Forest Area (in ha)	Govt. Non-Forest Area (in ha)	Tenancy Area (in ha)	Total Area (in ha)
1.	Kulda	8.89	28.88	44.88	82.65
2.	Bankibahal	5.14	10.80	21.29	37.23
3.	Balinga	0	8.60	1.15	9.75
4.	Tumulua	35.81	16.41	28.92	81.14
5.	Siarmal	1.61	Nil	Nil	1.61
6.	Lalma RF	83.24	0	0	8.24
<b>Total Area (in ha)</b>		<b>134.69</b>	<b>64.69</b>	<b>96.24</b>	<b>295.62</b>

However, during scrutiny of the land schedule furnished by the Tahasildar as on 25.10.1980, the following non-forest land are found as forest category but not included in the diversion proposal.

**Land Schedule of Government non-forest Area for the Kulda Expansion OCP:**

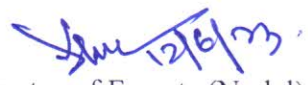
Sl. No.	Village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kisam	Area (in Ac.)
1.	Kulda	32	20	Patra Jungle	0.15
			289 (P)		5.51
2.	Bankibahal	57	599 (P)	Jungle	4.40
Grand Total					10.06 Ac. or 4.071 ha

**Land Schedule of Tenancy Land for Kulda expansion OCP**

Sl. No.	Village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kisam	Area (in Ac.)
1.	Kulda	5	94(P)	Jungle	0.50
			93/465(P)		0.22
2.		22	377		2.02
3.			361		0.07
4.			310	0.09	
5.		32	61	Patra Jungle	0.87
6.			1	0.25	
7.			42	1.24	
8.	22	19 (P)	Jungle	0.13	
Grand Total					5.39 Ac. or 2.181 ha

In view of the above, the diversion proposal in triplicate are returned herewith for necessary incorporation of the above non-forest land having forest kissam as on 25.10.1980 in the diversion proposal and resubmission of the same to this office at the earliest for taking further necessary action at this end.

Encl: DP in 3 sets

  
Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 11201 /Dt. 12-06-2023

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.1728 dated 24.05.2023 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address. They are requested to exercise due diligence in scrutinizing the proposals.

  
Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 11202 /Dt. 12-06-2023

Copy forwarded to the Project Officer, Kulda OCP, Basundhara Area of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for information and necessary action.

  
Conservator of Forests (Nodal)