

Government of Odisha
Forest and Environment Department

No. 10F(Con) 91/2016

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F&E dated 07-06-16

From Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS
Special Secretary to Govt.

To The Principal CCF, Odisha

Sub- Proposal for diversion of 29.41ha. of forest land (20.89 ha fresh forest land and 8.52 ha of forest land for re-diversion out of already diverted forest area of 227.89 ha of Kulda OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd) in Sundargarh Forest Division of Sundergarh District, Odisha for construction of Basundhara Coal Washery (10 MTY)by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to your letter No. 10894 dt. 31.5.2016 wherein the above mentioned forest diversion proposal was furnished for consideration and onward transmission to MoEF&CC, ERO for approval under FC Act, 1980. In this context, it is stated that as per instruction of MoEF&CC, this proposal has been processed without compliance of FRA guidelines. However, upon perusal of the diversion proposal, the following deficiencies are also observed which need compliance for processing the proposal further.

- (i) Besides RF land and already diverted forest land within Kulda OCP of MCL, the instant project also requires revenue forest land, non-forest Government land and private land. However, no document showing administrative approval accorded by State Government for acquiring such land for this infrastructure project is appended to the diversion proposal.
- (ii) No other alternative site has been examined by the user agency for avoiding use or minimum use of forest land for this infrastructure project.
- (iii) DGPS map of forest area has not been verified/certified by ORSAC.
- (iv) Basic information provided for Sundargarh Forest Division, Sundargarh district and State is updated till 31.12.2013. This needs to be updated up to 31.3.2016.
- (v) CA scheme is technically approved for ANR mode of plantation over 58.82ha. of degraded forest land. However, map given at page 91/DP indicates that out of 58.82ha. of degraded forest land, silvicultural operation will be over 51.3ha. and gap plantation over 7.5ha.. This is confusing.

In view of above deficiencies, the forest diversion proposal received in three sets are returned herewith with the request to submit duly complied forest diversion proposal immediately for further processing of the proposal. Since this is an infrastructure project being reviewed at PRAGATI, expeditious follow up action may be taken in the matter.

Yours faithfully,


Special Secretary to Government

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Memo No. 10963 /F&E, Dated: 09-06-16
Copy forwarded to the Collector, Sundargarh for information and immediate necessary action.

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Memo No. 10964 /F&E, Dated: 09-06-16
Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela/DFO, Sundargarh for information and immediate necessary action.

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Memo No. 10965 /F&E, Dated: 09-06-16
Copy forwarded to the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd, At/PO Jagruti Vihar, Sambalpur Pin 768020 for information and immediate necessary action.

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