



**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR**

Memo No. **12511** /9F (MG)-35/2021
Dated, Bhubaneswar the **29th** July, 2021

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 349.709 ha of forest land of Siarmal Open Cast Coal Mining Project of Mahalaxmi Area of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. of Sundargarh Forest Division (Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/32796/2018, State Sl. No.OR-061/2019 dt.07.09.2019)

Ref: Your Memo No.1654 dated 30.06.2021

In inviting a reference to your above cited memo on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that, on scrutiny of the diversion proposal, the following deficiencies are noticed.

1. The UA has not furnished the document regarding acquisition of land for the project.
2. Document in support of approval of mining plan and its validity are wanting.
3. Cost Benefit Analysis has not been furnished as per prevailing guidelines of MoEF & CC, Government of India.
4. The DFO Sundargarh in checklist No.20 has mentioned regarding violation. But in Site Inspection Report, he has mentioned that there is no violation which is contradictory. You have mentioned in the Site Inspection Report that there is no violation.
5. 64.091 ha Revenue Forest land proposed for diversion has been uploaded in Part-I Form-A pertaining to village Tumulia, but authenticated land schedule 63.873 ha Revenue Forest land has been furnished in the DP which is less by 0.218 ha.
6. In Siarmal village Plot No.568/P of Khata No.53, the area of the plot as per RoR is 0.17 Ac. whereas 0.5 AC has been selected for mining.
7. The details of break-up of forest land furnished in the DP is not tallying with land schedule furnished in the DP village wise as mentioned below:

Forest Area (in ha)						
Mining	SZ	Embankment	OB	Blasting	Total	Remark
260.769	3.930	85.010			349.709	As mentioned in DP
260.549	2.782	31.068	48.652	6.436	349.487	As per land schedule furnished in the DP village wise
		86.156				

8. 499.361 ha of non-forest uploaded in Part-I Form-A pertaining Gopalpur Village, but the UA has furnished the detail land schedule of non-forest Govt. and Private land of 474.099 ha which is less by 25.262 ha.
9. The ORSAC vetted DGPS map of Revenue forest land proposed for diverted has not been authenticated by the Tahasildar Hemgiri.
10. The Collector Sundargarh has issued FRA certificate on 21.06.2021 over 349.489 ha against diversion of 349.709 ha. The FRA certificate for balance forest area of 0.22 ha is required to be furnished.
11. In Part-II, Sl. No.4 the DFO Sundargarh Division has reported 350.11 ha of forest land is to be diverted instead of 349.709 ha.
12. The authorized signatory has not signed all the documents enclosed in the DP.
13. The CA scheme, the Pit size is to be changed to 45 cm X 45 cm X 45 cm as 18 month old seedlings will be planted.
14. The Barbed Wire Fencing which may cause harm to wild animals is to be replaced by Vegetative Fencing.
15. The UA has not furnished the Environmental Clearance certificate.
16. The UA has not furnished the map of mining plan and phased reclamation plan.

In view of the above, the diversion proposal in triplicate are returned herewith to comply the deficiencies as pointed out above and resubmit the same to this office at the earliest as this project has been enlisted in CCI-PMG review meeting for fast-tracking to obtain necessary forest clearance.

Encl: DP in 3 Sets


Memo No.

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/Dt.

29-7-2021

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.1655 dated 30.06.2021 of the RCCF Rourkela Circle.


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Forest Division & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

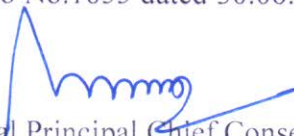
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Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Mahalaxmi Area, MCL, Basundhara Nagar, Tikilipara, Sundargarh-770076 for information and necessary action.


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