

OFFICE OF THE

REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ROURKELA CIRCLE, AT/P.O. PANPOSH, ROURKELA-769 004.

Memo No. 3759 /3F(Misc)-932/2024 Date: 17.08.2024

To

The Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Division.

Sub: - Proposal towards seeking clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change, Govt. of India for diversion of 227.62 ha of forest land of Basundhara (Extension) Open cast Coal Mining Project of Mahalaxmi Area of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

Ref:

- 1. This office Memo No.2238 Dtd.25.05.2024 & 2832 Dtd.05.07.2024.
- 2. Your Memo No.3386 Dtd.27.06.2024 & Memo No.4413 Dtd.13.08.2024.

With reference to the aforecited Memos on the captioned subject, I am to say that the undersigned during site inspection in respect of the above diversion proposal on 04/07/24 had observed as follows:

"Pillars erected (Pillar No:682,683,684) by the User Agency in the Reserved Forest Area (Jamkani RF) proposed for diversion has been found inside forest, instead of along the existing demarcated Reserved Forest Pillars (178,179,180) boundary line carried out by Sundargarh Division (Photograph enclosed)".

With the above observation, the above diversion proposal was returned to you with instruction therein to resubmit the same after proper field inspection by you to sort out the discrepancy in RF area. But, now, you have re-submitted the above diversion proposal vide your Memo No.4413 Dtd.13.08.2024 simply describing therein the chronology of correspondences made by you with ORSAC and reproducing therein their comments / clarification which is not at all conclusive.

Therefore, the proposal is returned with the instruction to resubmit it after completing the DGPS survey of the Jamkani Reserved Forest (RF) by ORSAC, involving Forest Officials and the Technology Partner, SPARC.

Encl: As above

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,

Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 3760

Date:

17-08-2024

Copy forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary with reference to Memo No. 4414 Dtd.13.08.2024 of DFO, Sundargarh Division.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,

Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 3761

Date: 17-08-2024

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Basundhara Area, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited MCL, for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4415 Dtd.13.08.2024 of DFO, Sundargarh Division.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,

Rourkela Circle