



**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
SUNDARGARH FOREST DIVISION**

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No. 4796 /4F (Misc.) /Dated. 20 /08/2025

To

**The General Manager,
Mahalaxmi Area of MCL.**

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 227.62Ha of forest land for Basundhara (West) Extension Coal Mining Project of M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL). (**Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/QRY/521279/2025**)
-Submission of EDS Compliance report.

Ref: - 1) Memo No.1398 dt.18.01.2025 of CCF(Nodal).
2) This Office letter No.368 dt.18.01.2025
3) Your letter No.319 dt.11.07.2025.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above and on verification of EDS compliance, the following discrepancies are pointed out, which is furnished below: -

Point No. (5): - The evacuation/transportation plan of the coal, along with provision of electricity transmission and water distribution has not been submitted.

Point No. (6) (i): - The project area of the Basundhara west extension Coal Mining Project was acquired under CBA Act-1957. The Section-11(2) of CBA Act, Stipulates "*Where the rights under any mining lease acquired under this Act vest in a Government Company under Sub-Section (2) of Section-11, the Government company shall, on and from the such vesting, be deemed to have become the lessee of the State Government, as if a mining lease under the Mineral concession rules had been granted by the State Government to the Government company for the entire lease period permissible under these rules. All rights and liabilities of the central government, in relation to the lease or the land covered by it shall, from the date of vesting, be deemed to have become the rights and liabilities of the Government Company*".

Hence, the action taken by you against non-forestry work, solid structures, road and cultivation land visible in the proposed forest patches from date of vesting of rights to you needs to be submitted.

Point No. (6) (ii): - No objection certificate from the Irrigation/ Water Resource Department, has not submitted.

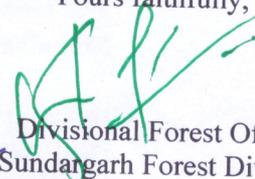
Point No. (6) (iv): - The component wise KML file has not been uploaded in Parivesh Portal.

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Point No. (6) (v):- As observed, regarding proposed CA land-cultivation land, unmetalled road, man-made water body and some solid structures are visible. Necessary compliances to be submitted through DFO Koraput.

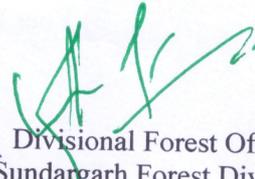
Hence, you are requested to submit the EDS compliance on the above points to this Office at earliest for taking further action.

Yours faithfully,


Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Forest Division.

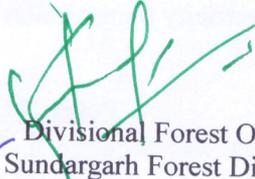
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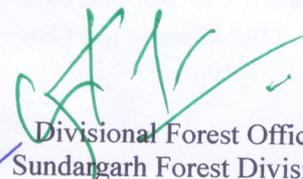
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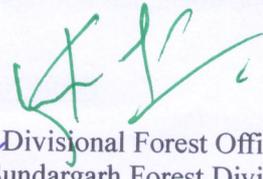
Memo No. 4799 /4F (Misc.)/ Dt. 20/08/2025

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Division for information and necessary action. He is requested to clarify regarding cultivation land, unmetalled road, man-made water body and some solid structures are visible within the proposed CA land as per the EDS point no.6(v) of MoEF & CC, GoI after proper field verification.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Forest Division.

Memo No. 4800 /4F (Misc.)/ Dt. 20/08/2025

Copy forwarded to the Range Officer, Gopalpur Range for information and necessary action. He is directed to contact with MCL authority of Basundhara West Extension OCP to conduct joint verification


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