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Memo No. 18080 /9F (MG) - 372 /2021
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 05th September' 2023

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Jharsuguda Forest Division.

Sub: **Proposal for non-forestry use of 417.073 ha & Re-diversion (Change of land use of 171.774 ha forest land in respect of Integrated Lakhanpur-Belpahad-Lilari Opencast Project of Lakhanpur area in district Jharsuguda in Odisha Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (Online Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/39355/2019).**

Ref: Letter No.8-280/1989-FCVol dated 01.09.2023 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi.

Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of letter issued vide Letter No.8-280/1989-FCVol dated 01.09.2023 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi on the captioned subject which is self explanatory.

In this context, I am directed to request you to comply the observations pointed out in respect of **Point (i) to (vi)** of the above mentioned GoI letter and furnish the required compliance alongwith the required documents in 4 **(Four) Sets** to this office through RCCF, Sambalpur Circle for onward transmission to the GoI, MoEF & CC, (FC Division), New Delhi.

Encl: As above

Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 18081 Dt. 05-09-2023
Copy with its enclosures forwarded to the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle for information & necessary action.

Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 18082 Dt. 05-09-2023
Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Lakhanpur Area, Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., PO-Bandhabahal Colony, Dist-Jharsuguda for information and necessary action with reference to No.8-280/1989-FCVol dated 01.09.2023 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi.

Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi-110003

Dated: 1st, September, 2023

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)
Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 417.073 ha & Re-diversion (Change of Land use) of 171.774 ha forest land in respect of Integrated Lakhanpur-Belpahar-Lilari Opencast Project of Lakhanpur area in district Jharsuguda in Odisha, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/MIN/39355/2019).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0142-2021-20500/ FE&CC dated 24.11.2021, letter no. 9084/9F (MG)-372/2021 dated 29.04.2022 and letter No. 13830/9F (MG) 372/2021 dated 11.07.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 21.08.2023. The detailed minutes of the AC may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. The AC decided to defer the proposal and sought the following essential information/ documents for further action in the matter:

- i. The proposal wise KML file of the 541.622 ha forest area which has been already diverted shall be submitted by the State government in different colours.
- ii. The RO Bhubaneswar has submitted the monitoring report for the proposals which were approved for change in land use of 25.238 ha and re-diversion of 84.399 ha. The details of these earlier re-diversion proposals and change in land use with KML file in different colours shall be submitted.
- iii. The UA has submitted an approved integrated mining plan which was approved in 2018. The area involved in 6 different diversion proposals has now been integrated for which change of land use of 171.77 ha is proposed. Because mining operations are going in the earlier diverted area in which land use change is being sought, therefore, there is a possibility that the mines will have been operating as per the latest land use plan which has not been approved under FCA, 1980 till date. The report on this issue shall be submitted by the State.
- iv. State Government shall submit the status of reclamation of the mined out

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area and explore the possibility of using them for ACA. A detailed report shall be submitted.

- v. The State shall submit a detailed report on implementation of SSWLMP along with the justification for delay in implementation.
- vi. The justification for not filing the Prosecution report in the violation cases shall also be submitted.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit the above information for further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office,
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.