

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

Memo No. 19019 /FE&CC, Date 05.09.23
FE-DIV-FLD-0142-2021/ 10F-(Cons)-82/2021

Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide Letter No.8-280/1989-FCVol. dt.01.09.2023 on the matter of proposal for non-forestry use of 417.073 ha & Re-division (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 forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and necessary action.

He is requested to kindly furnish the requisite information as sought for in the aforementioned letter directly to the Ministry under intimation to this Department.

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government
Memo No. 19020 /FE&CC, Date 05.09.23

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government
Memo No. 19021 /FE&CC, Date 05.09.23

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Steel & Mines Department/ R&DM Department/ Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department/ Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha/ Collector, Jharsuguda for information and necessary action.

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government
Memo No. 19022 /FE&CC, Date 05.09.23

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Jharsuguda Forest Division/ Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division/ Divisional Forest Officer, Bamra (WL) Division for information and necessary action.

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government
Memo No. 19023 /FE&CC, Date 05.09.23

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the General Manager, Lakhanpur Area, Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd, Po-Bandhabahal Colony, Dist-Jharsuguda, Odisha, Pin-768211 for information and necessary action.

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government



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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

Date: 01-09-2023 18:17:31

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

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.