

F. No.J-11015/397/2008-IA-II(M)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jorbagh Road, N Delhi-3  
Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

To,

The Chief General Manager (CP&P)  
M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited  
PO - Jagruti Vihar, Burla,  
**Sambalpur** - 768 020 (Odisha)  
E-mail: [cgmenvt2014@gmail.com](mailto:cgmenvt2014@gmail.com); [gmenvt\\_mcl@yahoo.co.in](mailto:gmenvt_mcl@yahoo.co.in)

**Sub: Ananta OCP Expansion Project, Phase-III of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Tehsil Talcher, District Angul (Odisha) - Amendment in Environmental clearance - reg.**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No.MCL/SBP/GM(ENVT)/2017/8519 dated 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 along with online proposal No. IA/OR/CMIN/70681/2014 and subsequent letters dated 14.11.2017, 19.11.2017, 22.11.2017, 23.11.2017, 27.11.2017 and 28.11.2017, on the above-mentioned subject.

2. The proposal is for amendment in environmental clearance dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 for Ananta OCP Expansion Project, Phase-III from 15 to 20 MTPA of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in an area of 1181.968 ha in Tehsil Talcher, District Angul (Odisha).

3. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry for Thermal & Coal Mining sector in its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The details of the project, as per the documents submitted by the project proponent, and also as informed during the meeting, are reported to be as under:-

(i) Ananta OCP expansion project, Phase-III was granted environmental clearance by the Ministry vide letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, for expansion from 15 MTPA to 20 MTPA of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd in mine lease area of 1181.968 ha in Tehsil Talcher, District Angul (Odisha). The said EC was granted after taking out/excluding the forest land of 237.853 ha from the total area of 1419.821 ha due to Stage-I forest clearance not available for the said forest land at that point of time.

(ii) The present proposal is for amendment in the EC dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, mainly in respect of adding the forest land to the area for which the EC was issued, modifying the condition for expenditure towards CSR and some typographical errors, with the details as under:-

EC letter Condition No.	EC letter Condition	Reason for Correction	Correction requested
Page-1, Subject of EC letter	(From 15 MTPA to 20 MTPA ...	typographical error	(From 12 MTPA to 20 MTPA ...

*SK*

Page-1, Point no. 2	(From 15 MTPA to 20 MTPA ...	typographical error	(From 12 MTPA to 20 MTPA ...
Page-1, Point no. 2(i)	from 15 MTPA to 20 MTPA	typographical error	from 12 MTPA to 20 MTPA
Page-5, Point no. 6	(From 15 MTPA to 20 MTPA ...	typographical error	(From 12 MTPA to 20 MTPA ...
Page-6, Specific Condition A(iii)	..... River Konar ....	typographical error	..... Bangaru Jhor ....
Page-6, Specific Condition A(xxiv)	The CSR cost should be Rs 5 per Tonnes of Coal produced which should be adjusted as per the annual inflation.	The EC was recommended in the 63 <sup>rd</sup> EAC meeting held on 17-18 Dec 2012. CSR policy was changed pursuant to the Companies Act 2013.	The CSR cost should be at least 2% of the average net profit of the company made during the immediate preceding financial year.


(iii) Now, Stage-I forest clearance has been granted for the forest land vide letter No. 8-37/2015-FC dated 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Therefore, EC may be granted for the entire ML area of 1419.821 ha including forest land.

4. The EAC, after deliberations, has recommended for adding the forest land of 237.853 ha to the present project area of 1181.968 ha, making the total area available now as 1419.821 ha.

5. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval to the proposed amendments in the environmental clearance dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 to the above said project, mainly for adding the forest land of 237.853 ha to the present project area of 1181.968 ha, making the total area available for the project now as 1419.821 ha.

Further, as recommended by the EAC, the Ministry also accords approval to the amendments/corrections in the said EC, as requested by the project proponent and explained in the table at para 3(ii) above.

6. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the Environmental Clearance dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 shall remain unchanged.

  
 16/2/2018  
**(S. K. Srivastava)**  
**Scientist E**

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The APPCF, Regional office (EZ), MoEF&CC, A-31, Chandrashekarapur, Bhubaneswar-751023 (Odisha)

3. The Secretary, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Odisha, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar (Odisha)
4. The Member Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.
5. The Member Secretary, CPCB, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32
6. The Member Secretary, Odisha State Pollution Control Board, Neelakanth Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar
7. The District Collector, Angul, Government of Odisha
8. Monitoring File    9. Guard File    10. Record File    11. Notice Board

*SKV*  
*16/2/2018*  
**(S. K. Srivastava)**  
**Scientist E**