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F.No.8-18/2002-FC

Government of India

Ministry of Environment & Forests

(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhavan, C.O. Complex,
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003

Dated the 16th October, 2002

To
The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 132.904 ha. of forest land in Talcher Coalfields of Angul District in favour of Bhubaneswari OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter No.10F(Cons)-128/01/2347/F&B dated: 5-2-2002 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby agrees in-principle for diversion of 112.521 ha. of forest land in Talcher Coalfields of Angul District in favour of Bhubaneswari OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Orissa, subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land area double in extent i.e. 225.042 ha., to the State Forest Department.
2. The cost of biological reclamation and afforestation shall be deposited with the State Forest Department by the User Agency.
3. The User Agency shall prepare a plan for habitat improvement of the surrounding areas for next 5 (five) years at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department.
4. The rehabilitation plan shall be immediately implemented under the supervision of the State Government and the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

After receipt of compliance report on the fulfillment of the conditions (1), (2) & (3) and progress report on condition (4) from the State Government, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

(Anurag Bajpai)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Guard File.

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Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003
Dated the 9th February, 2004.

To
✓ Shri M. Sathyanarayan,
Conservator of Forests
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.
At/PO. Jagriti Vihar,
Sambalpur-768020, Orissa

Sub: Diversion of 132.904 ha. of forest land in Talcher Coalfields of Angul District in favour of Bhubaneswar Office of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Orissa.

Sir,
Kindly refer to your D.O. letter no. MCL/HQ/SBP/CF/04/03 dated 4th January 2004, on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, I am directed to inform you that the request for modification of condition No.2 has been examined by the Central Government and it does not stand merit for consideration.

It is, therefore, requested that the user agency may be asked to deposit the whole amount with the State Government at the earliest and the State Government will deposit the same with Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Agency (CAMPA).

Yours faithfully,

(Anurag Bajpai)

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