

TO: SHRI S.P. SINGH (DCT), M.C.L.

No. 8-176/97-FG
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003

Dated the 24th July, 2001
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The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Diversion of 280.86 ha. of forest land for Kolda OCP of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. in Sundargarh Forest Division.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10F(Cons)-54/97.890MF&E dated 9.5.97 and 10F(Cons)54/97.23070/F&E dated 10.11.98 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby agrees in principle for diversion of 50.72 ha. of forest land (45.71 ha. of forest land and 5.01 ha. of Lalna B/T land) for Kolda Open Cast Mine of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. in Sundargarh Forest Division in the first phase for a period of 20 years subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

- The user agency will transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest land to be diverted (revised as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) in favour of the State Forest Department.
- The project authorities should take due care, in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State, to ensure that the surrounding forests are not damaged during the execution of the project.
- The planted up non-forest area in the exhausted mines should be handed over to the State Forest Department and it should be notified as Reserved Forest/Protected Forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927. And this land bank will be adjusted against compensatory afforestation schedule requirement of future proposals of MCL.

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3. After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the above condition at (i) of para 2 from the State Government, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land to the user agency should not be effected by the State Government till formal order approving diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government. Ministry will consider the request of MCL for further diversion of forest land on the basis of the performance of the company during current lease period.

Yours faithfully,

(J.P. Mishra)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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. The Regional Office (Hq.), New Delhi.
5. The user agency.
6. Guard file.
7. Director (IA).

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Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
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Dated 28.1.2002.

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

Diversion of 280.86 ha. of forest land for Kulda OCP of Mahanadi Coal field Ltd.
in Sundergarh Forest Division.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10.F(Cons) 54/97.8908/F&D dated 9.5.97
and No. 10.F(Cons) 54/97.23070/F&D dated 10.11.98 on the above mentioned subject,
seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with Section-2 of Forest
(Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the
Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the
aforesaid Act.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and, on the
basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby
grants in-principle for diversion of remaining additional forest land of 177.17 hectare in
addition to already granted 50.72 ha. (total 227.89ha) for Kulda OCP of Mahanadi
Coal fields Ltd. in Sundergarh Forest Division in the first phase for a period of 20 years
subject to following conditions:-

The User Agency shall transfer the cost of Compensatory Afforestation (revised
as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) over degraded forest land twice
in extent to the forest land to be diverted in favour of State Forest Department.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of the above condition 2(i) from
the State Govt. and the compliance of the in principle approval issued vide this office
letter of even number dated 25.7.2001 for 50.72 ha. of forest land in this project, formal
approval will be issued by Central Govt. under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act,
1980. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Govt. till
the formal orders are issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,


(S. Mudgal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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3. CCF(Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.RO(HQ.)
4. Guard File.
5. M/s National Enterprises, P.B. No. 44, At & Post Barbil, District, Keonjhar, Orissa, 758035


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