

F. No. 8-280/1989-FC (Vol-I)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 27th October, 2010.

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

Sub: Re-diversion (change of land use plan) of 84.239 ha. forest land from the area earmarked as safety zone and infrastructure development for coal mining by M/s Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. in 10 MTPA expansion project of Lakhanpur Open Cast Project (OCP) in Jharsuguda District, Orissa.

Sir,
I am directed to refer to the State Government of Orissa's letter No. 10F(Cons) 75/2009/7089/ F & E dated 17.04.2010 on the above-mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the re-diversion (change of land use plan) of 84.239 ha. forest land from the area earmarked as safety zone and infrastructure development for coal mining by M/s Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. in 10 MTPA expansion project of Lakhanpur Open Cast Project (OCP) in Jharsuguda District, Orissa, was sought, in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal has been considered by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Orissa and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby accords Stage-I approval for the re-diversion (change of land use plan) of 84.239 ha. forest land from the area earmarked as safety zone and infrastructure development for coal mining by M/s Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. in 10 MTPA expansion project of Lakhanpur Open Cast Project (OCP) in Jharsuguda District, Orissa, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency at the project cost:
 - (a) A plan containing appropriate mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be prepared and implemented;
 - (b) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion;

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If approval, transfer of the said forest land to the User Agency shall not be affected by the State Government.

Yours faithfully,

29/12/10

(H. C. Chaudhary)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. The CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
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To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
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Sub: Re-diversion (change of land use plan) of 84.399 ha. forest land from the area earmarked as safety zone and infrastructure development for coal mining by M/s Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. in 10 MTPA expansion project of Lakhanpur Open Cast Project (OCP) in Jharsuguda District, Orissa.

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CORRIGENDUM

Sir,
The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 27.10.2010 on the above mentioned subject, and to say that in the subject and Paragraph-1 & Paragraph-2 in body of the said letter, area of forest land to be diverted indicated as '84.239 ha.' shall be read as '84.399 ha.'

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Yours faithfully,

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