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The Secretary
Department of Forests
Government of Orissa
Bhubaneswar

Subject: Diversion of 123.83 ha. of forest land for Bansundhara (West) G.C.P. of M/s Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. in Sundergarh Distt. of Orissa.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10P(Cons)1/77/2310 dt. 25.7.1997 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 Govt. the Central Govt. hereby agrees in principle for approval of diversion of 149.50 ha. of forest land (123.83 ha. of forest land proposed originally and balance 25.67 ha. of non-forest land with tree cover, which as per the decision dated 12.12.1996 of Hon'ble Supreme Court falls within the purview of forest land) for Bansundhara (West) G.C.P. of M/s Mahanadi Coal Field Ltd. in Sundergarh Distt. of Orissa subject to the fulfilment of following conditions:-

- 1. Immediate action should be taken for transfer and mutation of equivalent non-forest land in favour of the State Forest Deptt.
- 2. The user agency will transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation (revised as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) in favour of the Forest Department.
- 3. The user agency will transfer the cost of fencing, protection and regeneration of safety zone area alongwith funds for afforestation over one and a half times of safety zone area over degraded forest elsewhere in favour of the Forest Department.

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After receipt of compliance report on the fulfillment of the above conditions 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 user agency should not be effected by the State Government till formal order approving diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. CHAUDHRY)
 Asstt. Inspector General of Forests.

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar
2. Joint Officer, Office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Orissa, Bhubaneswar
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (R), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(F.C. Division)



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

Dated the 21st August, 2001.

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 123.83 ha. of forest land for Bansudhara (West) O.C.P. of M/s. Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. in Sundergarh District of Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter No. HF(cons)-109/2001.12113/F&E dated 28.07.2001 on the above mentioned subject requesting for modification of condition Nos. 1 & 2 of approval in-principle order No. S-32/97-FC dated 23.09.1998 on the ground that the MCL being a Central Sector project can avail the benefit of raising compensatory afforestation over twice the degraded forest land as allowed for other Central Sector projects.

The Central Government, after carefully examining the request of the State Government, hereby decides to modify the condition Nos. 1 & 2 of this Ministry's in-principle order of even number dated 23.09.98 as under:-

"The user agency will transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest area to be diverted (149.50 x 2 = 299.00 ha. forest land) (i.e. revised as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) in favour of the State Forest Department."

Rest all the conditions of the above mentioned in-principle approval order dated 23.9.98 will remain unchanged. However, it is regretted that although approval in-principle was issued as back as Sept., 98, the request for modification is being sent almost after 3 years.

Yours faithfully,

(J.P. Misra)

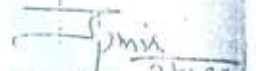
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2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. The Regional Office (Hq.), New Delhi.
5. The General Manager, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Basundhara Area, At./Po. Sadhaipali, Sundargarh, Dist. Sundargarh
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(J.P. Misra)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests.