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The Secretary,  
Forest Department,  
Government of Orissa,  
Bhubaneswar.

Orissa Sect. Lingaraj Area  
Copy No. 027  
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Sub: Diversion of 2.307 ha. of forest land for Kaniha OCP of M/s Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Orissa's letter No.5939/F&E dated 18.04.2000 and No.18445/F&E dated 20.11.2000 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby agrees in principle for diversion of 2.307 ha. of forest land for Kaniha OCP in Lingraj area of Talcher Coal Fields of of M/s Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd. in Angul district of Orissa for a period of 30 years.

3. The above mentioned approval in principle shall be subject to fulfilment of following conditions.

- i). The user agency will transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over twice degraded forest land in favour of State Forest Department.
- ii). The user agency will transfer the cost of fencing, protection and regeneration of safety zone area of 7.834 ha. forest land included in the proposal submitted by the State Government.
- iii). The user agency will transfer the cost of afforestation over one and half times of safety zone area i.e.  $7.834 \times 1.5 = 11.851$  ha. degraded forest land elsewhere in favour of the State Forest Department.

4. After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfilment of the above conditions from the State Government, final approval will be issued in this regard under Section 2 of 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.

Yours faithfully,

( O.P. PANDEY )  
CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS(CENTRAL)

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