

**F. No. 8-280/1989-FC(Voll)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Proposal for change land use Plan of 25.238 hectares of forest land from earlier diverted forest land under Safety Zone (Now within area retained for future expansion) and infrastructure area for coal mining by M/s. Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited in their 10 MTY expansion project of Lakhanpura OCP in Jharsuguda district, Odisha.**

Sir,

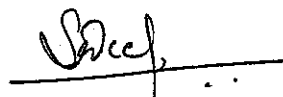
I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 10F (Cons)/462/2012/7028/F&E dated 19.04.2016 and 10F (Cons) 462/2012/26354/F&E dated 19.12.2017 and subsequent letter 10F (Cons) 462/2012/6730/F&E dated 21.03.2018 submitting the above subject proposal and additional information for change in land use Plan of 25.238 hectares of forest land from earlier diverted forest land under Safety Zone (Now within area retained for future expansion) and infrastructure area for coal mining by M/s. Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited in their 10 MTY expansion project of Lakhanpura OCP in Jharsuguda district, Odisha under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. The After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Odisha and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, *In-principle* approval is hereby granted for change land use Plan of 25.238 hectares of forest land from earlier diverted forest land under Safety Zone (Now within area retained for future expansion) and infrastructure area for coal mining by M/s. Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited in their 10 MTY expansion project of Lakhanpura OCP in Jharsuguda district, Odisha under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions:

- i. The details of earlier land use pattern and **approved revised land use pattern** are given in the following tables:

**Earlier land use pattern:**

Purpose	Forest land (Ha.)			Govt. NF Land (Ha.)	Tenancy NF Land (Ha.)	Total (Ha.)
	Revenue forest	RF	Total			
Mining	150.135	15.668	<b>165.803</b>	311.194	263.594	740.591
Road	0.888	0.324	1.212	13.116	12.720	27.048
Rail	1.842	0	1.842	3.880	3.148	8.870
Drain/ Nallah	0.310	0.267	0.577	13585	0.405	14.567
OB Dump	3.375	0	3.375	3.553	32.060	38.988
Coal Stock	0	0	0	0.150	9.737	9.887
CHP /WB	0	0	0	1.748	1.667	3.415
W/S building	0	0	0	1.186	7.580	8.766
Offices	0	0	0	0.405	1.716	2.121

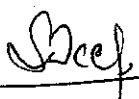
  
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Colony / Reh. Site	0	0	0	93.623	0	93.623
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>156.550</b>	<b>16.259</b>	<b>172.810</b>	<b>442.440</b>	<b>332.627</b>	<b>9477.876</b>
Safety Zone (500 mt. width)	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.5 mtr. SZ	0.285	0.680	0.962	2.130	3.805	6.900
Not earmarked in SZ	0	0	0	89.130	20.015	109.145
Area to be retained for future expansion	31.752	27.904	59.656	148.980	299.443	508.079
<b>Total</b>	<b>188.587</b>	<b>44.843</b>	<b>233.430</b>	<b>682.680</b>	<b>655.890</b>	<b>1572.00</b>

**Approved revised land use pattern:**

Purpose	Forest Land			Tenancy	Govt. (NF)	Total
	Revenue forest	RF	Total			
Mining	171.185	19.856	<b>191.041</b>	352.234	471.454	1014.729
Road	0.534	0.0361	0.595	12.720	13.116	26.431
Rail	1.842	0.000	1.842	3.148	3.880	8.870
Drain/nallah	0.000	0.267	0.267	0.056	0.165	0.488
OB Dump	3.375	0.000	3.375	32.060	3.553	38.988
Coal stock	0.000	0.000	0.000	9.737	0.150	9.887
CHP /WB	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.667	1.748	3.415
W/S building	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.580	1.186	8.766
Offices	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.716	0.405	2.121
Colony / Reh. Site	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	93.623	93.623
<b>Sub -Total</b>	<b>176.936</b>	<b>20.184</b>	<b>197.120</b>	<b>420.918</b>	<b>589.280</b>	<b>1207.0318</b>
7.5 Mtr. SZ	0.285	0.680	0.965	3.805	2.130	6.900
Safety Zone (500 ntr, wudth)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Not earmarked in SZ	0.000	0.000	0.000	20.015	89.130	109.145
Area retained for future expansion	11.366	23.979	35.345	211.152	2.140	248.637
<b>Total</b>	<b>188.587</b>	<b>44.843</b>	<b>233.430</b>	<b>655.890</b>	<b>682.680</b>	<b>1572.000</b>

- ii. Remaining area shall be maintained as green belt and the maintenance cost is to be borne by user agency.
- iii. It is reported that physical reclamation of the mine is being taken up by the user agency but care is not being taken to preserve the top soil separately. User agency shall take proper measure to preserve the top soil in consultation with forest department.
- iv. Over burden dumps shall not be made very high and proper angle is to be maintained. Proper drainage structures shall be maintained.
- v. The User Agency shall pay the evaluated royalty of 3291 number of enumerated trees before commencement of work on Stage-II approval.
- vi. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value at the revised rate for entire forest land, if subsequently revised by Hon'ble Supreme Court/MOEF&CC.
- vii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency may comply all the conditions stipulated in final approval order dated 19.01.2012, if not already done, for change land use Plan of 84.399 hectares of 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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- viii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency will obtain the approval granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, revalidated on each revision of mining plan/scheme;
- ix. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated by the Central Government/Regional Offices/State Government in future in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- x. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall abide by all the conditions on which the forest land was leased to the original user agency;
- xi. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions and also to the conditions stipulated in order dated 19.01.2012 to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
- xii. Any other condition that the concern Regional Office of this Ministry, may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- xiii. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order(s) and Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

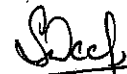
After receipt of the report on the compliance to the conditions stipulated in the paragraph-2 above from the State Government of Odisha, final/stage-II approval for diversion of the said forest under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be issued by this Ministry.

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 22.6.16

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar **with a request to visit the site as indicated in condition no. (vii) in para 2 above and submit their report to this Ministry.**
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC.
6. Guard File.

  
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