



F. No. 8-99/1987-FC (pt.)  
 Government of India  
 Ministry of Environment and Forests  
 (F.C. Division)

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 CGO Complex,  
 Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.  
 Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

To

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

*Final approval order*

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*11-613*

Sub: Re-diversion of 0.81 hectares of forest land in Balugaon Reserved Forest in Angul Forest Division for construction of alternate coal transportation road from Dera Chhak to National Highway-200 by M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.

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Sir,

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I am directed to refer to the State Government of Orissa's letter No. 10F(Cons) 31/2010/18565/ F & E dated 13.08.2010 on the above-mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the re-diversion of 0.81 hectares of forest land for Balugaon Reserved Forest in Angul Forest Division for construction of alternate coal transportation road from Dera Chhak to National Highway-200 by M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., was sought, in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, in-principle approval for the said diversion was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Odisha vide their letter No. 10F(Cons)-435/2012-3863/ F & E dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for re-diversion of 0.81 hectares of forest land for Balugaon Reserved Forest in Angul Forest Division for construction of alternate coal transportation road from Dera Chhak to National Highway-200 by M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The user agency shall raise avenue plantation at project cost on both sides and central verge of proposed road in at least five rows with barbed wire fencing or by using tree guards;

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- (iii) The State Government shall charge the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to the ad-hoc CAMPA with intimation to this Ministry;
- (iv) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (v) The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
- (vi) The boundary of the forest land being diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing, DGPS coordinates and distance from pillar to pillar etc.;
- (vii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- (viii) Any other condition that the Eastern Regional Office of this Ministry, Bhubaneswar and State Government of Odisha may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- (ix) User agency shall submit annual report on compliance to conditions stipulated in this approval to the State Government and the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry; and
- (x) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

(H. C. Chaudhary)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

(H.C. Chaudhary)

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