

No. 8-281/89-FC.

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 162.20 ha. of forest land for Bilari Opencast  
Project of South Eastern Coalfield Ltd. in Sambalpur Dist.

Sir,

I was directed to refer to your letter No. 100/Cons.33/87-8084  
P.P.M. dated 6.4.80 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior  
approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of  
the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal  
has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the  
Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State  
Govt. and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned  
Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its  
approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980  
for release of 162.20 ha. of forest land in Bilari Opencast Project  
of South Eastern Coalfield Ltd., in Sambalpur Dist. subject to  
the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory plantation to be raised over equivalent  
non-forest land at the cost of the project. The non-forest  
land identified for this purpose should be handed over  
to the Forest Department and notified as protected forests  
before the release of forest lands being diverted by these  
orders.
3. Mined over area to be reclaimed/ restored after mining/  
quarrying is over.
4. In order that the construction labour and staff while  
working on the project in the forest area may not cause  
destruction to the forest area for meeting their fuelwood  
needs, the user agency will establish fuelwood depots,  
and will provide the fuelwood to them free of cost.
5. Arrangements to be made by the project authorities for  
free supply of fuelwood or other sources of energy to  
the staff and labourers engaged in the project free  
of cost.

6. No explosives should be allowed to be stored in the forest areas.
7. The conditions / safeguards proposed by the Environment wing of this Ministry, while clearing the project, to be followed rigidly.
8. Conditions laid down by the Advance Environmental Group for IB Valley area to be followed.
9. Stone wall fencing to be done around safety zone.
10. Mining area and safety zone to be properly demarcated.
11. Sap planting to be done in the safety zone.

Yours faithfully,

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(Signature)

Asst. Director General of Forests

Government of Orissa  
Forest, Fisheries and A.M. Department

Kemo No. 19317 /FFAH, Dated, Bhubaneswar the 14-8-80  
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Copy forwarded to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Orissa / Secretary, Steel and Mines Department / Chief  
General Manager, S.S.C.L., 8th floor, U.S.M.B. building,  
Sachivalaya Marg, Bhubaneswar / General Manager, S.S.C.L. IB-Valley  
area, Brajarajpur, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary  
action.

(Signature)  
14-8-80

Under Secretary to Government.

S. Nayak.