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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: ~~20~~ November, 2018

To,

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

Sub: Change of 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.

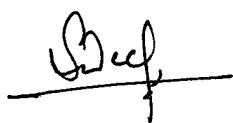
Sir,

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 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of 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. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under section-3 of the said Act, **In-principle** approval was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated **26.06.2018** subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the 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 Addl. Pr. Chief Conservation of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA), State Government of Odisha vide their letters No. 20209/9F (MG)-440/2015 dated 01.10.2018 and No. 21962/ 9F (MG)-440/2015 dated 31.10.2018, **Stage-II/Final** approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for change of 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 subject to following conditions:

- i. The State Government may please note that the approved **revised land** use pattern shall be as follows:

Purpose	Forest land (Ha.)			Govt. NF Land (Ha.)	Tenancy NF Land (Ha.)	Total (Ha.)
	Revenue forest	RF	Total			
Mining	15.135	15.668	165.803	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
Colony / Reh. Site	0	0	0	93.623	0	93.623
Sub-Total	156.550	16.259	172.810	442.440	332.627	9477.876



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
Total	188.587	44.843	233.430	682.680	655.890	1572.00

- ii. The State Government shall ensure that remaining area shall be maintained as green belt and the maintenance cost is to be borne by user agency.
- iii. The State Government shall ensure that user agency shall take proper measure to preserve the top soil in consultation with forest department.
- iv. The State Government and user agency shall ensure that Over burden dumps shall not be made very high and proper angle is to be maintained Proper drainage structures shall be maintained.
- v. The State Government shall ensure that the evaluated royalty of 3291 number of enumerated trees shall be paid by the user agency before commencement of work.
- vi. The State Government ensure that 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. 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;
- 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.

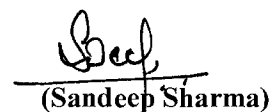
Yours Faithfully


(Sandeep Sharma)

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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
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC.
6. Guard File.


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