

F.No.8-43/2004-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,  
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003  
Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2004

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

FINAL  
Suggested Approval Order

Sub: Diversion of 62.67 ha. of forest land for Ananta Extension Open Cast Project in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., in Angul district of Orissa.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.10F (Cons)-78/2003/5307/F&E dated 09/08/2004 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. under Section-2 of 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.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 62.67 ha. of forest land for Ananta Extension Open Cast Project in favour of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., in Angul district of Orissa, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over degraded forest area double in extent, at the project cost.
3. Penal compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over degraded forest area double in extent of the area used in violation, at the project cost.
4. Safety zone shall be regenerated and protected and plantations shall be raised and maintained over degraded forest lands elsewhere, over an area one and half times of the extent of the safety zone, by the State Forest Department, at the project cost.
5. The State Government shall maintain the above-mentioned funds and the funds collected towards the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land, in the form of Fixed Deposits in the name of concerned DFO/ Nodal Officer of the State, in a nationalized bank, till such time the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) intimates the head of account for transfer/deposition of funds.

6. Reclamation of the area will be done on ground at project cost using four feet 10, RCC pillars. The pillars shall indicate serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance between adjacent pillars.
7. Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and under strict supervision of State Forest Department.
8. The user agency shall protect the top soil at the project cost.
9. Reclamation plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer and the Regional CCF, Bhubaneswar.
10. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
11. Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department/Forest Development Corporation.
12. Forest land shall be transferred only after the user agency gets the environment clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
13. Mining shall be done as per the approved mining plan.
14. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to the available wildlife.
15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
16. The lease period shall be co-terminus with the current lease granted under MMRD Act, 1957.
17. Any other condition that the State Government as well as CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, may impose from time to time for the protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area.

Yours faithfully,

*Sd/-*

(Anurag Bajpai)  
Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. CCF (Central), Regional Office (EZ), Bhubaneswar.
3. Nodal Officer, Govt. of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
4. Regional Office HQ, New Delhi.
5. MA Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division.
7. Guard File.

(Anurag Bajpai)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, Bhubaneswar.

File No. 11211/2005

15.5.2005.

Copy forwarded to the Regional Forest Officer, Angul Division for information and necessary action by the User Agency.

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Regional Circle for information and necessary action.

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By. Conservator of Forests, Angul