

Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 1st April, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),

Government of Odisha,

Bhubaneswar.

Sub.: Diversion of 341.23 ha of forest land in the Bolangir Forest Division under Bolangir District, Odisha for construction of Upper Lanth Medium irrigation Project.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Govt. of Odisha's letter no. 4312/9F (Irrg)-369/2018 dated 19.02.2020 forwarding compliance report on the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 21.12.2018 on above subject proposal. After examination of the compliance report, following revealed;

- i. The admissible entire identified non-forest land for raising compensatory afforestation has not yet been transferred and mutated. Moreover, the same may also be notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval.
- ii. In compliance to condition no.(iv) of Stage-I approval for submission of R&R Plan prior to Stage-II approval, State Govt. reported that the R&R Plan had already been approved by MoTA, Govt. of India vide Lr. No.-20011/ 10/ 2001- CP&R dated 14.01.2003, However, User Agency shall prepare and implement the R&R Plan as per the latest R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before commencement of the project work. It shows that the R&R Plan

based on R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India has not yet prepared. A clarification with approved R&R Plan is required.

- iii. With regard to furnishing revised trees enumeration list over forest and non-forest land in the project, prior to stage II approval, it is informed that the work is under process. The same is required before considering Stage-II approval for instant proposal.
- iv. In compliance to condition no. (vi) of Stage-I approval, the State Government informed that the User Agency has reported that the detailed project report as per present cost-estimation along with administrative approval for this project shall be furnished prior to stage II approval, which is under progress. The same is required prior to Stage-II approval.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish information/documents/clarification on the points as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry. It is also requested that the State Government may take due care so that incomplete compliance report is not submitted to Ministry in future.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

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Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.