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Memo No. 2264 / 3F-26/2023.

Dated, Baripada the 30th June, 2023.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act.),
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 12.202ha. forest land for Single Line Broad Guase Railway Connectivity from Amarda Road to Subarnarekha Port in the District of Balasore coming under the jurisdiction of Balasore(WL) Division by Subarnarekha Port Pvt. Limited.

Ref:- Your memo no.1272/9F(Rail)302/2023, dtd.20.01.2023, memo no.4400, dt.23.06.2023 of DFO, Balasore(WL)Division.

In inviting kind reference to your above cited memo on the captioned subject, the Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore(WL) Division vide his memo no.4399, dt.23.06.2023 has submitted compliance report on the points raised vide your memo no.1272, dt.20.01.2023 on the proposal for diversion of 12.202ha. forest land for Single Line Broad Guase Railway Connectivity from Amarda Road to Subarnarekha Port in the District of Balasore coming under the jurisdiction of Balasore(WL) Division by Subarnarekha Port Pvt. Limited to this office which is furnished below:

- 1. Sanction order / approval order of this project by the Port Authority concerned has not been furnished.**

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the User Agency has submitted Sanction order / approval order of the project at Page No. 21 to 62 of the Hard Copy of Diversion Proposal.

- 2. The documents and maps relating to this proposal with the scheduled forms and certificates are not as per check list.**

Compliance:- Complied by the User Agency.

- 3. In Part-II furnished by the DFO, Balasore (WL) Division though the type of forest land proposed to be diverted has been shown to be of Eco-Value Class-III but the density of vegetation has been furnished as Nil though total 152 nos. of trees have been enumerated over the proposed forest land to be diverted. Similarly, in Site Inspection report the DFO, Balasore (WL) Division at Serial No.12 (Condition of vegetation and type of forest in applied area), the DFO has mentioned about enumeration of 152 nos. of trees over the forest kism land. Also he has observed some bushy forest at different patches which needs clarification / rectification.**

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Compliance:- The Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore(WL) Division in the compliance report has reported that during site inspection on dated 23.06.2023 by the present incumbent Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore Wildlife Division, the earlier observation has been confirmed. The forest land proposed for diversion having 152 nos. of trees located in 06 nos. of villages and few very small patches of forest land having tree growth. Some bushy forest at different patches are also available at proposed site in scattered manner. Thus, the forest land proposed to be diverted is ascertained as **Eco Class – III with density vegetation of less than 0.4**

- 4. Being a linear project, the UA has not furnished total length and width of the proposed railway connectivity passing through forest area and non-forest area separately.**

Compliance:- In Compliance to the observation, the User Agency has furnished total length and width of the proposed railway connectivity passing through forest area and non-forest area separately duly authenticated by the User Agency, Tahasildar, Baliapal and Basta Tahasils and DFO, Balasore(WL) Division. (Page No. 491 to 513 of the Hard Copy of Diversion Proposal). (Point No. 27 of Check List).

- 5. Tree enumeration done over non-forest land (467 nos.) has not been shown at SL No. 15 of Site Inspection report of DFO, Balasore (WL) Division. Further, the User Agency has not furnished the abstract of no. of trees enumerated over non-forest Govt. land and non-forest Pvt. land separately.**

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore(WL) Division has modified the Site Inspection Report accordingly on completion of site inspection dated 23.06.2023. The User Agency has submitted the abstract of no. of trees enumerated over non-forest Govt. land and non-forest Pvt. land separately at Page No. 388 to 452 of the Hard Copy of Diversion Proposal.

- 6. Forest land — Involvement of total forest land for this project is 12.202 ha. The UA has not furnished the abstract of forest land Tahasil and village wise separately with involvement of revenue forest land. DLC forest land and Sabik forest land duly authenticated both by the DFO & Tahasildar concerned.**

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the User Agency has furnished the abstract of forest land Tahasil and village wise separately with involvement of revenue forest land, DLC forest land and Sabik forest land duly authenticated by the User Agency, DFO, Balasore(WL) Division, Tahasildar, Baliapal and Basta Tahasils at Page No. 78 to 79 of the Hard Copy of Diversion Proposal.

- 7. Non-forest land — Involvement of total non-forest land for this project is 122.269 ha. The UA has not furnished the abstract of non-forest Govt. and Non-forest Pvt. land (Tahasil and village wise) separately duly authenticated both by the DFO & Tahasildar concerned.**

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the User Agency has furnished abstract of non-forest Govt. and Non-forest Pvt. land (Tahasil and village wise) separately duly authenticated by the User Agency, DFO, Balasore(WL) Division, Tahasildar, Baliapal and Basta Tahasils at Page No. 364 (i) & (ii) of the Hard Copy of Diversion Proposal.

8. The approved engineering drawing showing the formation top width of the embankment has been planned to be 7.85 mtr for single track with a side slope of 2:1 of 6 mtr in height with the rail infrastructure of broad gauge standard of 5'6" (1676 mm) to be furnished with the DP.

Compliance:- Complied by the UA at Plate No. 19 of the Hard Copy of Diversion Proposal.

9. Regarding construction of new rail connectivity from Amarda road station to Subarnarekha port site over 43 Km route length (including a merry-go-round rail alignment inside the port), the UA has not furnished the alternative routes surveyed over the Topo map of scale 1:50,000.

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the User Agency has submitted Topo Map No.730/2, 730/6 showing alternative route for the project at Plate No. 21 of the Hard Copy of Diversion Proposal.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore(WL) Division vide his memo no.4399, dt.23.06.2023 has informed that the above compliance report has also been uploaded in the Parivesh Portal. Hence, the Forest Diversion Proposal for the above project is sent herewith in 03(Three) sets for taking further course of action at your level.

Encl.: - As above.

I/c Field Director, Siimilipal Tiger Reserve
-Cum- Regional CCF, Baripada.

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore (WL) Division for information with reference to his memo no.4399, dt.23.06.2023.

I/c Field Director, Siimilipal Tiger Reserve
-Cum- Regional CCF, Baripada.

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