

## STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF PLOT NO. GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR BHUBANESWAR-751023

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The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar-751023

Proposal for diversion of 12.202 ha of forest land for single line broad gauge Sub: railway connectivity from Amarda Road to Subarnarekha Port in the District of Balasore under Balasore (WL) Division by M/s Subarnarekha Port Pvt. Ltd. - GoI observations regarding.

Letter No.5-ORC588/2023-BHU dtd 24.08.2023 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests Ref: (C), Gol, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a kind reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, it is to inform that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has requested to furnish clarification as to whether construction of the proposed single line broad gauge railway connectivity from Amarda Road to Subarnarekha Port falling in CRZ-1A(Mangrove, Horseshoe Crab) category under CRZ Rule 2019 and whether the said proposed railway line is permissible in the above proposed area under CRZ notification No.2019?

Compliance: The Field Director, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the user agency i.e the Authorised Signatory of Subarnarekha Port Pvt. Ltd. has submitted compliances ( enclosed as Annexure-I) to the above observations made by the RO, Gol, MoEF & CC as furnished below alongwith the revised enlarged CZMP map (Sheet No.F45P6/SW, Map No.OD90) in 1:25000 scale pertaining to Balasore District enclosed as Annexure-III duly countersigned by the authorised signatory of SPPL and the DFO, Balasore (WL) Division.

- 1. As per office Memorandum No.F.No.IA3-12/3/2023-IA.III (E-220190) dated.6th October 2023 of MoEF&CC, Section (CRZ), the railway projects covered under Railways Act 1989, shall not attract CRZ clearances (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II).
- 2. After review of the enclosed revised and enlarged CZMP No.F45P6/SW(Revised, Map No.OD 90) (enclosed as Annexure-III), there are no Horsehoe Crab habitat (CRZ-1A) within the project area. However it is seen that a small portion of railway corridor under village Chaumukha and Kankadapal falls on CRZ-1A category of land, which are mainly small patches of mangrove area. A portion of railway

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corridor is also passing through CRZ-1B category of area and also passing through no development zone area. However SPPL has applied for the CRZ clearance as a part of their fresh EC & CRZ clearance proposal submitted to the MoEF&CC, vide their proposal No.IA/OR/INFRA1/444266/2023 dated.18th September 2023.

3. The Map of Coastal Zone Management Plan of Odisha in 1:25000 scale duly authenticated by the DFO, Balasore (WL) Division and the authorised signatory of SPPL is also enclosed as Annexure-IV.

In view of the above and as per office Memorandum No.F.No.IA3-12/3/2023-IA.III (E-220190) dated.6th October 2023 of MoEF&CC, Section (CRZ), the compliances to the observations made by GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar dated 24.08.2023 is sent herewith for favour of kind information and further necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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Memo No. DYDA /Dt. D6-03-2024 Copy along with one set of compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 5-ORC588/2023-BHU dtd 24.08.2023 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Encl: As above

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5453 /Dt. 06-03.2024 Memo No.

Copy forwarded to the Field Director, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.5464 dated 28.12.2023 and No.570 dtd.16.02.2024.

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Memo No. 5 454 /Dt. 66-03-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore (WL) Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 5465 dated 28.12.2023 and No. 571 dtd.16.02.2024 of the Field Director, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle to his address.

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Memo No. 5454 Dt. 06 03 2024

Copy forwarded to the Authorised Signatory, Subarnarekha Port Pvt. Ltd., DCB-917, 9th floor, DLF Cyber City, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751024 for information with reference to Letter No. 5-ORC588/2023-BHU dtd 24.08.2023 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), Gol, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

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