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To

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

Sub: Compliance of EDS for the Proposal for Diversion of 153.938 ha. forest land for construction of Kutulisingha Irrigation Project by Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, Angul

Ref: Your Memo No. 16273/9F (Irrig) 65/2022 dated 22.08.2022.

In inviting a reference to the memo cited above on the subject this is to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Athmallik Division vide his Memo No. 570 dated 28.01.2025 (**Copy enclosed**) has submitted supporting documents for compliance of the EDS raised vide your memo under reference. The Point-wise compliance is furnished below:-

**Observation 1.** Forest area mentioned in the map relating to Kutulisingha and Ranibandh village seems to be erroneous.

Forest area proposed for diversion Kutulisingha village is 5.872 ha. and that of Ranibandh village is 0.247 ha. as per land schedule attached at Checklist- 7 of the DP/ page No. 49 and 50. However, in the map of Kutulisingha village (Plate-10), two nos. of Plots (Plot 445P-0.198 ha.+576P-0.049 ha.) of Ranibandha village have been added and the total area of Kutulisingha village in the map is shown as 6.119 ha. instead of 5.872 ha.

Similarly, in the map of Ranibandh village (Plate-11), the area is mentioned as 0.012 ha. in Plot No.38/678(P). This plot belongs to Hatasimili village and also mentioned in the map of Hatasimili village (Plate-12) as 0.012 ha. Hence the above discrepancy may be verified, rectified and resubmitted.

**Compliance**

In compliance to the observation, the DFO, Athmallik Division has submitted the correct DGPS map of Kutulisingha village (**Plate No. 10**) and Ranibandha village (**Plate No. 11**) which has been rectified and certified by ORSAC and authenticated by Tahasildar, Athmallik and DFO, Athmallik is enclosed at **Part-II File**.

**Observation 2.** Tree enumeration report pertaining to Revenue Forest land differs from the number mentioned in the Site Inspection report of DFO, Athmallik Division. In Site Inspection Report, the number of trees is mentioned as 5231 whereas in the enumeration report it is 5400 (Checklist No. 19).



**Compliance**

The revised site inspection report submitted by the DFO, Athmallik wherein total 5400 nos of trees were enumerated over the Revenue Forest area for felling. The revised site inspection report of DFO, Athmallik is enclosed at Page-168 to 169 of the DP.

**Observation 3.**

**In Checklist Sl. No. 8, the area of Govt. Non-forest land is mentioned as 14.152 ha. wrongly instead of 14.512 ha.**

**Compliance**

In compliance to the above observation, the corrected checklist Sl. No. 8 submitted by the project proponent and countersigned by the DFO, Athmallik is enclosed at page-59.

**Observation 4.**

**The component wise break up of the forest land as mentioned in Form A Part-I differs from that mentioned in Site Inspection Report of DFO, Athmallik Division. Area of Magazine House and Approach Road as mentioned in the Part-I are 0.16 ha. and 1.694 ha. respectively whereas in Site Inspection Reports, it has been mentioned as 0.162 ha. and 1.692 ha. in the same order.**

**Compliance**

The component wise break up has been corrected as Magazine House- 0.162 ha(P-53) and approach road- 1.692 ha.(52) which was also corrected in Form-A Part-I (P-9 to 21) and detailed Note of the project (P-32 to 46) of the DP.

**Observation 5.**

**In Part-II (Page 21-22 DP).**

- (i) In Column IV ( Area of forest land proposed for diversion)- only 129.629 ha. of RF mentioned leaving area of Revenue Forest.**
- (ii) In Point No. 8 (Whether the requirement of Forest land is unavoidable and barest minimum) – The DFO mentioned that the user agency has furnished undertaking. The DFO has to furnish his views on the point.**
- (iii) In point No. 13 (Specific recommendation of DCF for acceptance or otherwise) - The DFO has not given any specific recommendation as project is located in ESZ and there are frequent movement of elephant noticed.**

**Compliance**

The DFO, Athmallik has submitted the revised Part-II mentioning the following information.

- i. In column IV of Part-II, the area proposed for diversion is 153.938 ha (129.620 Ha RF and 24.318 Ha of Revenue Forest land.) P- 22 of the DP.**
- ii. In point No. 8 (Whether the requirement of forest land is unavoidable and barest minimum) – In this connection, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that the diversion of the forest land is unavoidable and barest minimum which has been signed by the DFO, Athmallik Division at Page-22 to 23 of the DP.**



- iii. In point No. 13 of revised part-II (specific recommendation of DCF for acceptance otherwise) –The DFO has reported that depending on the Cost Benefit Analysis, the project is recommended which is enclosed at Page-24 of the DP.

**Observation 6. Cost Benefit analysis (Checklist No.12) is incomplete.**

**Compliance** The DFO, Athmallik has submitted the complete Cost Benefit Analysis which comes to a ratio of **1:20.96** and enclosed at **Page-76 to 82** of DP.

**Observation 7. Allotment letter of Collector concerned for the identified non- forest and degraded revenue forest land is not enclosed.**

**Compliance** The Allotment Letter of Collector, Angul over the identified non-forest land & Degraded Revenue Forest land is enclosed at **Page-172** of the DP.

**Observation 8. DSS certificate of the CA land and certificate about - area has not been planted earlier by any means by DFO, Deogarh Forest Division are not enclosed.**

**Compliance** The DFO, Deogarh, Dhenkanal and Cuttack Forest Division have submitted the DSS certificate as a part of their CA scheme which is enclosed at P-183, 272 & 221 respectively **and** the DFOs have certified that no plantation has been carried out earlier at Page- 189,215 & 227 respectively.

**Observation 9. The identified CA land is to be marked clearly in the ROR downloaded from Bhulekh portal and should be signed by DFO concerned.**

**Compliance** The ROR downloaded from Bhulekh Portal over identified CA land has been earmarked clearly and authenticated by DFO, Deogarh which is enclosed at **Page-191 to 199**.

**Observation 10. As per DSS report on CA land out of 129.00ha. NFL, 43.00ha. comes as MDF and out of 67.00ha. of degraded revenue forest land (DRFL), 40 ha. comes under MDF. Number of plants proposed by the DFO, Deogarh Division can not be accommodated in the identified NFL/DRFL land as 83 ha. MDF area has been identified.**

**Compliance** In compliance to the above observation, the following area has been identified as a part of land against land and tree against tree for compensatory afforestation.

- i. Under Deogarh Forest Division, against the diversion of 153.938 ha of forest land, 132.752 Ha of non-forest govt. land and 56.56 Ha of revenue degraded forest land has been identified in Pallahara Tahsil of Angul District for land against land compensation which compensates 20,000 no of seedlings.



- ii. Under Dhenkanal Forest Division, an area of 80.00 Ha of degraded forest land has been identified which compensates 50,000 nos. of seedlings.
- iii. Under Cuttack Forest Division, an area 169 Ha of degraded forest land has been identified which compensates remaining 84,500 nos of seedlings and the total nos. of seedlings compensated comes to 1, 54,500 against 1, 53,938.

**Observation 11.** The DFO, Deogarh Division has to revise the CA and Addl. CA scheme to accommodate 1,53,938 nos.(153.938 ha. x 1000 nos.) of plants

**Compliance** The compliance of the above observation has been complied at point no. 10.

**Observation 12.** KML file of Degraded Revenue Forest land taken up for accommodating balance seedlings has not been furnished by the DFO, Deogarh Division.

**Compliance** The KML file of Degraded Revenue Forest Land and the degraded forest land identified for compensatory afforestation submitted by the respective DFOs is enclosed as **Pen drive**.

**Observation 13.** The cost norm provided in the CA and Addl. CA schemes is not as per the approved one time cost norm for CA.

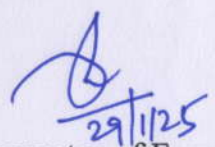
**Compliance** In compliance to the above, the CA scheme has been prepared by the respective DFOs as per the approved One Time Cost Norm which is enclosed at **Page-230 to 347 of the DP..**

**Observation 14.** CATP scheme is to be prepared and approved as per Chapter-9 of Handbook of Guidelines dated 28.03.2019 of Govt.of India, MoEF & CC.

**Compliance** As reported by DFO, Athmallik, the CATP Scheme is prepared as per Chapter-9 of Handbook of VAN (SANRAKSHAN EVAM SAMVARDHAN) RULES, 2023 Dated 29.12.2023 of Govt. of India, MoEF & CC which is enclosed as a booklet (P-352 to 403)

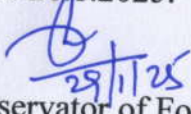
In view of the above compliances, the diversion proposal submitted by the DFO, Athmallik Division in triplicate is forwarded herewith for favour of information and necessary action.

**Encl: - As above.**

  
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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Angul.

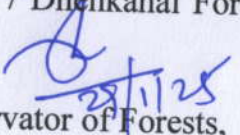
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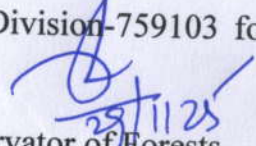
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Memo No. 582 /Dated- 29.1.25

Copy forwarded to the superintending Engineer, Angul Investing Division-759103 for information and necessary action.

  
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