

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

Memo No. 4911 /FE&CC, Date 27.02.25

FE-DIV-FLD-0095-2023/ 10F-(Cons)-69/2023

Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar Letter No.5-ORB614/2023-BHU dtd.18.02.2025 on the matter of diversion of 1.216 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District under Chandaka (WL) Division forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and necessary action.

He is requested to kindly furnish the desired information to the Ministry directly under intimation to this Department.

de 27/2/2025
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 4912 /FE&CC Date 27.02.25

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

de 27/2/2025
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 4913 /FE&CC Date 27.02.25

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Chandaka (Wildlife) Division/ Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Forest Division for information and necessary action.

de 27/2/2025
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 4914 /FE&CC Date 27.02.25

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to GA&PG Department/ Revenue & Disaster Management Department/ Housing & Urban Development Department/ Tourism Department/ Collector, Khurda/ Collector, Nayagarh for information and necessary action.

de 27/2/2025
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 4915 /FE&CC Date 27.02.25

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the General Manager (L&E), Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd, 8-B, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar0751013 for information and necessary action.

de 27/2/2025
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No.5-ORB614/2023-BHU

18th February, 2025

To
The Adml. Chief Secretary,
Forest, Environment & CC Deptt.,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar-751001

Sub: Diversion of 1.216 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District under Chandaka (WL) Division.

Ref: 1) State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0095-2023-23097/FE&CC dated 04.11.2023.
2) PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha's letter No.22640/9F (Others)-396/2023 dated 12.11.2023.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform as per Rule 10 (2) & (4) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 the above proposal was submitted to Ministry for consideration. The above proposal was returned to Regional Office by Ministry with following observations:

- The State Govt. shall provide the detailed land use plan for the proposed forest land along with the details of its present land use.
- The justification given by the State Govt. that land was allotted by the site selection committee and no individual is responsible is not tenable. The decision for allotment would have been taken with the approval of the competent authority on the recommendations of the site selection committee. Therefore, the State Govt. shall examine its records in detail and provide the details of the persons responsible for violation.
- The State Govt. shall provide the list of the proposals and name of user agency whose details are mentioned in the Hon'ble NGT order dated 26.04.2022.
- The State Govt. has not taken any action against the erring officials responsible for violation and it is not known whether the user agency has stopped doing further construction/expansion of their projects in violation. In this regard a detailed report shall be submitted by the State Govt.
- The State Govt. shall also provide revised KML file of degraded forest land identified for compensatory afforestation land.
- As per the DSS analysis, Chandaka Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary is located at an approx.. aerial distance of 0.65 Km from the proposed forest land for diversion. In this regard the comments of the CWLW and applicability of WL clearance shall be provided.

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- g) The State Govt. has informed that the non-forest Govt. land transferred and mutated in favour of the FE&CC Department for raising CA excluding the water body and the metalled road comes to only 0.998 ha. This indicates that the area proposed for CA is actually less than the area proposed for diversion, which needs clarification/necessary action at the level of the State.

It is therefore requested to kindly furnish the above desired information to this office for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

(Dr. Padma Mahanti)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

- 1) The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.
- 2) The General Manager (L&E), Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd., 8-B, Jaydev Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013 for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

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