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Memo No. 675 /4F (Misc.) - 60 / 2025.

Dated, Bhubaneswar the 11 March, 2025.

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Chandaka Wildlife Division.

Sub: - **Proposal for diversion of 1.216 ha. (3.005 Ac.) of Forest Land in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District under Chandaka Wildlife Division- Observations of MoEF & CC Reg.**

- Ref: - 1) Letter No.5-ORB614/2023-BHU dt.18.02.2025 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar.
- 2) Memo No.4913 dt.27.02.2025 of OSD-cum Special Secretary to Government, Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Department.
- 3) Memo No.2826 dt.04.03.2025 of CCF (WL-II), O/o the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar to your address.

In inviting a reference to the above cited memos on the captioned subject, it is to inform you that the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar has observed deficiencies while scrutinizing the diversion proposal over an area of 1.216 ha. (3.005 Ac.) of Forest Land in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District under Chandaka Wildlife Division

In view of above you are requested to submit the point wise compliance to this office for onward transmission to higher quarters.

Encl: - As above.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 676 dt. 11.03.2025

Copy submitted to the Addl. PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information with reference to Memo No.4912 dt.27.02.2025 of OSD-cum Special Secretary to Government, Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Department.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 677 dt. 11.03.2025

Copy forwarded to the CCF (WL-II), O/o the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information with reference to their office Memo No.2827 dt.04.03.2025.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 678 dt. 11.03.2025

Copy forwarded to the General Manager (L & E), M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd., 8-B, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013 for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.4915 dt.27.02.2025 of OSD-cum Special Secretary to Government, Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Department


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle



**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE)
& CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, ODISHA**

Government of Odisha, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department

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Memo No. 2826 / CWLW-FDWC-FD-0029-2022

Dated, Bhubaneswar the 04 March, 2025

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Chandaka Wildlife Division

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- Observations of MoEF&CC Reg.


Ref: Memo No. 4913/FE&CC dated 27.02.2025 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Govt. in FE&CC Department, Odisha addressed to you.

In inviting a reference to the memo cited above, I am directed to request you to furnish your views on the proximity of Chandaka-Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary from the proposed forest land for diversion and the applicability of Wildlife Clearance for facilitating the comments of PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha in the matter.


Chief Conservator of Forests (WL-II)

Memo No. 2827 / Date 04/03/2025

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4913/FE&CC dated 27.02.2025 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Govt. in FE&CC Department, Odisha.


Chief Conservator of Forests (WL-II)



**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.

27/2/25
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.

27/2/25
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.

27/2/25
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.

27/2/25
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, Bhubaneswar 751013 for information and necessary action.

27/2/25
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

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No.5-ORB614/2023-BHU

18th February, 2025

To

The Addl. 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)