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24th August, 2023

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Department,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubanewar – 751 001

Sub: Diversion of 12.202 ha of forest land for Single Line Broad Gauge Railway Connectivity from Amarda Road Station to Subarnarekha Port in the District of Balasore under Balasore (WL) Division by Subarnarekha Port Pvt. Ltd.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0071-2023-16607/FE&CC dated 07.08.2023.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted the above mentioned proposal to this office seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980. On examination proposal in DSS, the railway project is being proposed in **CRZ-IA** (Mangrove, Horseshoe crab) category of CRZ Rule, 2019. Furthermore, this project cannot be categorized as public utility project as this proposed railway line appears to be meant for facilitating the transportation to and fro for private port.

It is therefore requested to clarify whether construction of proposed railway line is permissible in the proposed area under CRZ Notification, 2019?

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.
2. The Company Secretary, Subarnarekha Port Pvt. Ltd., DCB-917, 9TH Floor, DLF Cyber City, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751024, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)