



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

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Dated, Bhubaneswar, the **08th** February, 2018

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest & Environment Department,
Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Permission for repair, maintenance and black topping to part of Sgadapata-Kanto forest road from Khadibahali chhowk to Palbani over a distance of 9.5 kms covering an area of 4.746 ha of forest land under Mukshya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana(MMSY) by RW Division, Anandapur, under Keonjhar WL Division. (Proposal No:- FP/OR/ROAD/24155/2017. State SI No.OR-047/17 dt 18.09.2017)

Sir,

A proposal for repair, maintenance and black topping of Forest Road from Khadibahali Chowk to Palabani over a length of 9.5 kms covering an area of 4.746 ha Forest Land out of which 2.419 ha Reserve forest and 2.327 ha Revenue & Un-classed forest under Mukshya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (MMSY), submitted by the Executive Engineer, RW Division, Anandapur, duly processed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar(WL) Division, Anandapur and Regional Chief Conservator of Forests cum Field Director, STR, Baripada Circle, is forwarded herewith in triplicate for accordance of permission by the State Govt as per guide lines of MoEF vide F No 5-3/2007-FC dt. 17.01.2011. Administrative Approval for the project has been accorded vide Office Order No-147261/ MMSY-254/2015 dated 27.06.2015 of Government of Odisha, O/O the Engineer-In-Chief, Rural Works, BBSR(Copy enclosed at page No-27-30 /DP),

Brief Description:-

Improvement of rural road connectivity is a key component for development of rural economy and social services in India. Indian economy is based on development of rural areas as 74 percent of it's population are living in villages. It will support to increase the agricultural productivity & it's marketing. Such good road connectivity will create scope for increase in employment of rural people. This project will give all weather connectivity to ten interior tribal villages like Sagadapata, Palbani etc under two Gram panchayat, in **Keonjhar District which is one notified LWE affected Dist.** It will provide direct communication to Medical, Tahasil Head quarter, Block Headquarter and easy access to nearby agricultural market, which will increase the economic activity. This project involves up-gradation of

existing Sagadapata- Kanto , kutchra forest road to black topped surface (all weather road). The proposed road has formation width of 5 mts which is equal to the present width of existing forest road. Hence the project will not require acquisition of further land and **no widening or tree cutting will be done.** As per report of the DFO Keonjhar (WL) Division, Anandapur 4.746 ha of forest land would be required for improvement of the existing Forest Road.. The proposed road does not pass through any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary and Eco-Sensitive Zone of any Protected Areas.

The proposed road is a part of Sagadapata-Kanto forest road, which is being managed by the Forest Dept. as reported by the DFO Keonjhar WL Division, Anandapur in Part-II at Page No-16/DP. Therefore permission can be granted by the State Govt. as per the guidelines of MoEF vide F No-5-3/2007-FC dt. 17.01.2011.

1. Justification:-

The Project is an upgradation of existing Kutchra forest road to all weather black topped road, therefore additional land is not required.

This project would result in:-

1. Substantial social and financial benefit to the local people.
2. Provide all weather road connectivity to ten interior tribal villages.
3. Provide facility to local people to reach the nearest Medical Headquarters.
4. Promote market linking to agricultural products.

In view of above facts, the permission of forest land is necessitated for improvement of the existing road. The requirement of three feasible alternatives for this project is not insisted upon.

2. Maps:-

The User Agency has furnished the following maps, duly authenticated by all concerned.

Sl No.	Particulars	Scale	Plate No.
1.	DGPS Index Map	1:8000	Plate No.V
2	Location Map on Topo Sheet No-F45N15&F 45 N16	1:50,000	Plate No-VI&VII
3	DGPS Map of Atei R.F .	1 Mile 16"	Plate-No-III
4	DGPS Map of Sagadapata (SH-4) village	1 Mile 16"	Plate-No-Ia
5	DGPS Map of Sagadapata (SH-6) village	16":1 Mile	Plate- No-II
6	DGPS Map of Sagadapata (SH-7) village	16":1 Mile	Page-No-Ib
7	DGPS Map of Palbani hanumantaduma	16"=1mile	Plate-No-IV

3. Forest land:-

The construction and maintenance of road and C.D works under MMSY involves 4.746 ha of forest land as detailed below.

Forest Division	Forest land involved in ha.						Non-Forest land involved			Grand Total (Ha.)
Rairakhol	RF (Ha.)	VF & Un-classed Forest (Ha.)	Unclassed Forest	DLC	Revenue Forest	Total (Ha.)	Govt. land	Pvt. Land	Total	4.746
	2.419	2.327	Nil	Nil	Nil	4.746	Nil	Nil	Nil	

5. Flora and Fauna:-

No forest growth exists on the site proposed for permission, but as reported by the DFO Keonjhar (WL) Division Anandapur in his site inspection report at **Page No20/DP**, the adjacent area consists of vegetation of tree species like Kusum, Gambhari, Sal, Kendu, Neem etc.

6. Tree enumeration:-

No tree growth is existing on the proposed forest land to be permitted, hence no enumeration of trees is necessary.

7. Environmental Clearance:-

Environmental clearance is not required for this project as per MoEF, GoI Notification No.J-11013/56/2004-1A-II(I) dated 14th September, 2006.

8. Cost-benefit Analysis:-

Cost Benefit analysis is not required for this project as the area proposed for permission by State Govt. for repair, maintenance and black topping of existing kutcha forest road.

9. Compensatory Afforestation:-

Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of forest land is not required as the proposed forest land will be permitted by State Govt. for repair, maintenance and black topping as per guidelines of MoEF dt 14.09.2004. & 17.01.2011. However stipulation may be imposed to take up avenue plantation all along this road at vacant patches by the user agency at project cost.

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10. Forest Right Act Certificate:-

The Collector and District Magistrate Keonjhar has issued the required certificate under Forest Right Act, 2006 in prescribed format (Form-I) for 4.746 ha of forest land vide order No.1616 dt 13.10.2017 which is enclosed as at **Page No. - 42/DP.**

11. Resettlement & Rehabilitation:-

As reported by DFO, Keonjhar(WL) Division, there will be no displacement of any human habitation, so the rehabilitation and resettlement plan is not required for this project.

12. Wild life Management:-

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar (WL) Division in part-II at Page No.16 that Elephant,Pangolin,Python,Ratel,Sloth bear etc are found in the locality surrounding the project road.The road will not create hindrance for movement of wild life rather the project will help the patrolling works for beter protection of wild life. Therefore Wildlife Management Plan is not insisted upon for this project.

13. Net Present Value:-

Payment of NPV may not be imposed as this proposal is for according permission by the State Govt for maintenance & improvement of kutchra Forest Road to black topping road under MMSY , in order to facilitate better forest protection & fire protection in addition to increase the livelihood of the local tribal people.However the UA has submitted an undertaking to pay the NPV as demanded by the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar(WL) Division,Anandapur as enclosed at page No-9/DP.

14. Violation:-

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar(WL) Division,Anandapur in the site inspection report (Page No.11), no violation has been committed by the User Agency under FC, Act 1980.

15. Others:-

Part-II (page 16-19), Part-III (page- 22) and site inspection report of DFO(page 20-21) are enclosed in the DP . The DGPS Maps of the forest area applied for permission duly authenticated by the DFO, Keonjhar (WL) Division, Anandapur has been furnished in the **DP (Plate No-I to Plate No-IV)** . Basic information of Keonjhar (WL) Division is enclosed at **Page No.43/DP**. District profile of Sambalpur District is enclosed at **Page No.44/DP**. State Profile has been furnished at **Page No.45/DP**.

16. Recommendation:-

In view of the above, 4.746 ha of forest land proposed for permission for improvement of the existing forest road from Khadibahali Chhowk to Palbani over 9.5 kms by the Executive Engineer, RW Division, Anandapur under MMSY scheme, is recommended to the State Government, for consideration and according permission as per guidelines of MoEF vide F No 5-3/2007-FC dt. 17.01.2011, with the following conditions.

1. Status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Existing alignment of the road shall not be changed under any circumstances.
3. No tree felling shall be allowed.
4. No widening of road shall be undertaken.
5. No breaking of fresh forest land shall be carried out.
6. While black- topping, adequate precaution shall be taken by the user agency not to damage the adjoining flora and fauna.
7. No labour camp shall be established on forest land.
8. The forest road will continue to be under the administrative control of forest department.
9. Avenue Plantation all along the road at vacant places may be taken up by User Agency at project cost.

Encl:- **Proposal
in triplicate**

Yours faithfully,

Slw 03.02.18
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Odisha

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08-02-18

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, cum Field Director, STR, Baripada Circle for information and necessary action.

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