



**East Coast Railway**

Office of the  
Dy. Chief Engineer (Con-III)  
E.Co. Rly. Koraput.

No. D.CE/Con-III/KRPU/KRPU-LKMR/FDP/EDS/

Dt. 18.01.2024

To,  
**The Divisional Forest officer**  
Koraput Forest Division,  
Koraput, Odisha.

Sir,

Sub : Diversion of 5.117 Ha, Forest land for the construction of Koraput – Singaram doubling railway line in connection with the Koraput – Singapur Road doubling project of East Coast Railway, Rayagada in Odisha.

Ref : Memo No. 5-ORC617/2023 dated 8<sup>th</sup> Dec'2023.

In reference to the above, it is to inform you that during the scrutiny of Diversion Proposal at MoEF & CC office, Bhubaneswar, raised /observed two shortcomings in the proposal, and the same are being complied below as a tabular format.

Sl.No.	Short coming	Compliance
1	The State Government, has identified notified degraded forest land for raising CA in lieu of forest land proposed for diversion. The nodal officer (FCA) has accepted the proposal on 08.02.2023. The provisions of Forest Conservation) Rules, 2022 shall apply to the proposal. The exceptions given for Central Government Agencies for CA twice the degraded forest land is not applicable to the instant project, since the instant forest diversion proposal involves 16.834 ha of non-forest land for execution of the project. Therefore, state govt. should identify equivalent non-forest land for raising CA and submit details CA Scheme with	PCCF, Nodal Officer (FCA), Bhubaneswar has been complied vide letter No.732/9F (RAIL)-403/2023 dated. 10 <sup>th</sup> January'2024 is enclosed herewith as Annexure-I

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	relevant Maps and KML file.	
2	Earlier Ministry vide letter No.8-80/87-FC dated 08.09.1987 has accorded final forest clearance diversion of 901.53Ha. Of forest land for construction of Koraput – Rayagada Railway line. The State Govt. has not furnished the status of compliance of stipulated conditions of final forest clearance dated 08.09.1987.	The stipulated conditions have been complied vide this office letter No. D.CE/Con-II/RGDA/KRPU-RGDA/STAGE-II/ Dt. 17.01.2024 is enclosed herewith as Annexure - II

In this connection, it is requested to do the needful for forward the FDP to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Koraput circle, Koraput at your earliest and obliged.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: FDP 6 sets.

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No.

732

/9F (RAIL) – 403/2023

Dated, Bhubaneswar the

10th January' 2024

From

**Sri Susanta Nanda, IFS**  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)  
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

**The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)**  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur  
Bhubaneswar-751023

**Sub: Processing of the ongoing proposals on PARIVESH 2.0 in light of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adiniyam Rules'2023 as per guideline dated 27.012.2023 of GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi in respect of**

- (i) *Diversion of 5.117 ha of forest land for construction of Koraput-Singram Doubling Railway Project from 0.000 Km to 74.800 Km under Koraput Forest Division by East Coast Railway, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh in Odisha*  
(Proposal No.FP/OR/RAIL/153462/2022, State Sl. No.OR-01/2023 dated 08.02.2023)
- (ii) *Diversion of 33.152 ha of forest land for construction of Bhalumaska-Singapur Doubling Railway Project from 128.95 Km to 163.725 Km under Rayagada Forest Division by East Coast Railway, Rayagada in Odisha*  
(Proposal No.FP/OR/RAIL/154542/2022, State Sl. No.OR-02/2023 dated 09.02.2023)

Ref:- (i) Letter No. 5-ORC617/2023-BHU dated 08.12.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.  
(ii) Letter No. 5-ORC618/2023-BHU dated 13.12.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

Apropos to the above mentioned subject, it is to inform that the Govt. of India vide letter under reference had requested to identify equivalent non-forest land for raising CA and submit details of CA Scheme along with relevant maps and KML file instead of double degraded forest land identified earlier as the provisions of FC Rules, 2022 shall apply to the above two proposals.

In this context, the extracts of Point No. (ii) of Guideline issued vide FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 27.12.2023 of the Scientist 'D', Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi may kindly be referred to as detailed below:-



*"In case of proposals which have only been recommended for grant of 'in-principle' but approval of the same has not yet been granted, may have slight changes in the conditions specially with regards to the compensatory afforestation and disposal of proposals pertaining to mining, hydel, encroachment and violation. The Regional Office may proceed to grant of 'in-principle' approval to such proposals which falls within the powers delegated to the Regional Office and Regional Empowered committee as per new rules, subject to change in the conditions specially with regards to raising of compensatory afforestation, as may be applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and submission of the supporting detail thereof along with the compliance of 'in-principle' approval".*

It is to reiterate that the above two proposals have already been recommended for grant of 'in-principle' approval but approval of the same have not yet been granted vis-à-vis the observations dated 08.12.2023 and 13.12.2023 cited at reference relating to compensatory afforestation.

In view of the above and in light of guideline dated 27.12.2023, the Govt. of India is requested to kindly grant 'in-principle' approval to the above two proposals subject to change in the conditions specially with regards to raising of compensatory afforestation (i.e. imposing condition for identification of equivalent non-forest land), as may be applicable in accordance with the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

An early action in the matter is solicited.

**Encl: As above**

Yours faithfully

Memo No.

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/Dt. 10-01-2024

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Copy forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha, Kharavel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to this office letter No.24394 /9F (RAIL)-403/2023 dated 14.12.2023, letter No.24839 /9F (RAIL)-412/2023 dated 19.12.2023 and letter No. FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 27.12.2023 of the Scientist 'D', Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Memo No.

734

/Dt. 10-01-2024

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action with reference to this office Memo No. 24395 dated 14.12.2023 and 24840 dated 19.12.2023.

Memo No.

735

/Dt. 10-01-2024

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Copy forwarded to Collector, Koraput / Collector, Rayagada for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to this office Memo No. 24396 dated 14.12.2023 and 24841 dated 19.12.2023 respectively.


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No.

736

/Dt. 10-01-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest Division / Rayagada Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to this office Memo No. 24397 dated 14.12.2023 and 24842 dated 19.12.2023 respectively. ***They are requested to process the proposal through online accordingly.***


  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No.

737

/Dt. 10-01-2024

Copy forwarded to the Dy. Chief Engineer/Con-II/VSKP, East Coast Railway, Rayagada, Odisha, Pin-765001 for information and necessary action with reference to this office Memo No. 24398 dated 14.12.2023 and 24843 dated 19.12.2023. ***He is requested to process the proposal through online accordingly.***


  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No.

738

/Dt. 10-01-2024

Copy forwarded to File No.9F (RAIL) – 412/2023 for information and record.

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act



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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,  
New Delhi: 110003

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

To

Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests)  
All State Govt./Union territory Administrations

**Sub: Processing of the ongoing proposals on PARIVESH 2.0 in light of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam Rules, 2023 – reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 notified by the Central Government on 29.11.2023 and to inform that advertising to the above provisions many processing authorities, including the Regional Offices of the Ministry, have requested telephonically clarifications on the processing of the proposals which are at the advance stage of their processing but not yet granted 'in-principle' approval. In this connection, it is to inform that after deliberations on the matter in the Ministry, the following has been decided to process the proposals which are at the advance stage of their processing:

- i. Proposals which have already been submitted online on PARIVESH 2.0, processed by the processing authorities, examined or recommended by the Project Screening Committee, recommended by the State or Union territory to Regional Office or MoEF&CC, New Delhi need not to be referred back to the user agency for their re-submission as per the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- ii. In case of proposals which have only been recommended for grant of 'in-principle' but approval of the same has not yet been granted, may have slight changes in the conditions specially with regards to the compensatory afforestation and disposal of proposals pertaining to mining, hydel, encroachment and violations. The Regional Office may proceed to grant of 'in-principle' approval to such proposals which falls within the powers delegated to the Regional Office and Regional Empowered committee as per new rules, subject to change in the conditions specially with regards to raising of compensatory afforestation, as may be applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and submission of the supporting detail thereof along with the compliance of 'in-principle' approval.
- iii. The provisions for raising compensatory afforestation over revenue forest lands, as included in sub-rule (3) of rule 13 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 is not only for projects of Central or State

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Government but for all projects irrespective of the nature of the user agency provided the same is exercised as per the provisions provided in the aforementioned provisions of rule 13.

Signed by

Yours faithfully,

Charan Jeet Singh

Date: 27-12-2023 17:04:42

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**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HOFF), All States/UTs
2. Dy Director Generals of Forests (Central), All ROs/SROs of the MoEF&CC
3. Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, All State/UTs
4. Guard File





**East Coast Railway** Office of the

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Dt. 17.01.2024

No. D.CE/Con-II/RGDA/KRPU-RGDA/STAGE-II/SKF

To,  
**The Divisional Forest officer**  
Koraput Forest Division,  
Koraput, Odisha.

Sub: Diversion of 901.53Ha. of Forest Land for the constriction of Koraput – Rayagada Railway line in Koraput District.

Ref:Memo No.8-80/87-FC dated. 8<sup>th</sup> Sept' 1987

With referenced to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, Govt. of India, MoEF, (Department of Environment Forest & Wildlife) New Delhi, have accorded Stage-II approval vide their memo No. 8-80/87-FC dated. 8<sup>th</sup> Sept' 1987

In respect of Diversion of 901.53 Ha. of Forest Land for Construction of Koraput – Raygada Railway line subject to fulfillment conditions stipulated therein.

The point wise compliance is furnished below.

Sl.No	Conditions	Compliance
1	That the Pahad kissam mentioned in the details of non-forest land identified for compensatory Afforestation is not a forest land. The non-forest land should be declared as protected forest as per the guide lines in force.	This may please be complied from your end.
2	As large number of trees are involved in the proposed area, felling as prescribed in the working plan of the diversion should be restricted to avoid over exploitation.	Noted and ensured.
3	The project authorities shall make arrangement for supply of fuel for the labour engaged on the project.	Ensured.
4	Felling of trees over a surface area of tunnel should be avoided as far as possible.	Ensured.
5	3 ( three) rows of tree may be planted on the both sides of the railway line wherever it does not interfere with the visibility etc.	Ensured.

Encl :- As above

Yours faithfully

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E.Co.Railway,Koraput

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Copy to :

- (1) The Chief Engineer/Con/ VAKP for for favour of kind information Please.
- (2) The Addl. Chief Secretary to Government , Forest Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action please.
- (3) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act, odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action please.
- (4) The Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Koraput circle, Koraput, odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action please
- (5) The Divisional Forest Office, Rayagada, for favour of kind information and necessary action please
- (6) The Collector & District Magistrate, Koraput, for favour of kind information and necessary action please.
- (7) The Collector & District Magistrate, Rayagada, for favour of kind information and necessary action please.
- (8) DIG@ Cum Member Secretary, REC, MOEF, Bhubaneswar for favour of Kind information and necessary action please.

Yours faithfully

*A. Kumar* 17/1/2024

Dy. Chief Engineer (Con-III)  
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