<u>Specific Recommendation of the Deputy Conservator of Forests</u> (DCF/Divisional Forest Officer)

1	Name of the Project	Forest Diversion proposal for construction of doubling in between Bhalumaska – Singapur road section in connection with Koraput – Singapur road Railway doubling project.
2	Name of the Division	RAYAGADA FOREST DIVISION,RAYAGADA
3	Name & Designation of the Recommending Officer	Sri S. Anand, IFS DFO, Rayagada Forest Division.
4	Specific Recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer.	After thoroughly studying the project report and observation made during the site inspection, the following points are considered for recommendation. 1. The project involves 28.512 Ha. Reserve Forest, 3.352 Ha. of DLC Forest and 1.288 Ha. Of Revenue Forest land. 2. The proposed Forest land will not attract the displacement of any people. 3. The proposed Forest area is unavoidable and is the barest minimum for the purpose of construction of doubling in between Bhalumaska – Singapur road section in connection with Koraput – Singapur road Railway doubling project. 4. The existing railway line between Koraput-Rayagada is a single line with speed potential upto 65 Kmph and classified as "D" category and used as the transportation corridor of goods traffic mainly minerals and mine products. The demand of goods traffic on the existing single line is increasing over a period due to increase of production of goods and minerals in the vast catchment and consequent transportation requirement. As a result, doubling of the existing line is essentially required to cater the goods traffic as the existing line is already saturated. 5. The aforesaid proposal is submitted for necessary approval under section 2 (II) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, taking the aforesaid facts in to the consideration.

Divisional Forest Officer, Rayagada Division Divisional Forest Officer Rayagada, Division