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To,

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Sambalpur.

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of forest land of 8.361 ha. for Establishment of Industry in the village Pondloi and Nishanbhanga of Rengali Tahasil of Sambalpur District in Sambalpur.

The proposal for diversion of 8.361ha. of forest land involved in Sambalpur Forest Division for establishment of Integrated Steel Plant in Nishanbhanga alongwith required maps and documents is forwarded herewith in five (5) copies for consideration of approval by the competent authority under section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act 1980.

1. **Brief Description:-** This diversion proposal of 8.361 ha. of forest land by the IDCO, Bhubaneswar is for the establishment and expansion of industry of M/s Shyam Metalics & Energy Ltd. in the village Pondloi and Nishanbhanga village of Rengali Tahasil of Sambalpur District. Initially the M/s Shyam Metalics & Energy Ltd. had applied for allotment of 657 Ac (265.88) ha. land for its project from IDCO, Initial recommended area by IDCO was 193.87 Ac which in due course added with 237 acre totalling 430.87 Acre (174.37 ha.). Till date the IDCO had handed over 278.59 Ac (112.74 ha.) including 94.87 Ac (38.393 ha.) of forest land to the M/s Shyam Metalics and Energy Ltd. The diversion proposal of 38.393 ha. of forest land has already been accepted by MoEF & CC and from the maps and site inspection it is evident that small patches of forest land in khata No.248 of the Mauza Nishanbhanga of Rengali Tahasil totalling 20.66 acre (8.361 ha.) which is between the already acquired forest land and other non-forest land is left out. The patches are so small that it can not support the forest growth. Total no. of plots are 35 no. and the area is between 0.03 acre to 2.7 acre per plot is of and Gramya Jungle Kisam. These interspersed forest patches are required for the establishment of various units, roads and other infrastructures within the industry.

2. **Map:-** The user Agency has submitted the following maps.
- Location map in Topo sheet indicating project area.
 - DGPS map of the forest area involved in the project.
3. **Forest land:-** Legal status of forest land with area proposed for diversion in respect of this Division is given below.

<u>Legal status</u>	<u>Extent of Area</u>
Reserve Forest	-
Revenue Forest	<u>8.361 ha.</u>
	8.361 ha

4. **Flora & Fauna:-** As per site inspection report, no tree species is exist in the applied area for diversion. There is no significant fauna noticed during the Site Inspection.
5. **Wildlife Management:-** There is no significant wildlife present in the applied area.
6. **Tree enumeration:-** There is no tree growth in applied area as per joint verification and site inspection.
7. **Compensatory Afforestation:-** The non-forest area for raising compensatory Afforestation has been identified in the Bausen village of Rengali Tahasil of Sambalpur Forest Division under Sambalpur District. The area is suitable for ANR gap plantation @800 seedlings/per ha and need special protection and soil and moisture conservation measures. The compensatory Afforestation scheme duly signed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Sambalpur Forest Division with provision of maintenance of plantation for 10 years and 20% escalation cost at the current wage rate has been submitted alongwith the diversion proposal.
8. **Environment clearance:-** The copy of environmental clearance has been attached with the proposal.
9. **Resettlement:-** There is no case of resettlement in this instant case.
10. **Cost Benefit Analysis:-** The user Agency has not submitted the Cost Benefit Analysis as per guideline of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change letter No. 7-69/2011 dt.01.08.2017 wherein the cost benefit analysis for all the categories of project involving forest area upto 20 ha. in not applicable. This case be consider without cost benefit analysis.

11. Justification of the project over Forest area:- As the forest patches are small in size and sandwiched between the already diverted forest land and acquired non-forest land and it is required for the establishment of various units and infrastructure. Moreover, the forest patches are so small in size that it can not support forest growth also. Inside the industry premises so the requirement of forest area for the project is justified.

12. Recommendation:- The proposal of diversion of forest land measuring 8.361 ha. in Nishanbhanga Mauza of Rengali Tahasil of the Gramya Jungle kism for the use of non-forest purpose may be recommended with the standard terms and conditions. The industry may be asked to maintain and enhance the green cover to 33% inside the premises for the clean environment inside and outside.

Encl:-5 copies of diversion proposal with All maps and documents in hard and soft copies


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Copy forwarded to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for favour of information and necessary action.


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