

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, SAMBALPUR

Memo No. 4459 /3F(M)- 98 /2016
Dated, Sambalpur, the 17 th, December'2016.

To

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act,
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.799 ha of Revenue Forest land (Gramya Jungle) for expansion of Line-II of railway line at Jharsuguda Cement Works, Ultra Tech Cement Ltd in Jharsuguda (JCW) by Ultra Tech Cement Ltd in Jharsuguda district.

With reference to the above on the captioned subject, I am submitting herewith the proposals for diversion 0.799 ha of Revenue Forest land for construction of Railway line-II by M/S Ultra Tech Cement Ltd, Jharsuguda Cement Works, Dhutra, Jharsuguda received from the Divisional Forest Officer, Jharsuguda, in quadruplicate for onward transmission for obtaining approval of Central Government of India under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

1. Brief Description:

Ultra Tech Cement Ltd., Jharsuguda Cement Works is a part of Aditya Birla Group of Company which was previously under the L & T Group of Companies. The L & T Cement Division, Jharsuguda was demerged in 2004 after Grassim made the 30% open offer for equity shares and christened Ultra Tech Cement. Jharsuguda Cement works, a grinding Unit producing Portland Pozzolana Cement in the integrated plant "Hirmi Cement works". It is situated near Dhutra Railway Station on Mumbai-Howrah Railway Line. The distance of Plant is 9 kilometers from District Headquarter, Jharsuguda and it stands in the midst of three villages namely, Arda, Dhutra & Champapada. A total of 165.25 acre of land is involved for establishing cement unit. Out of the total land, 158.92 acres is private land & 6.33 acres is Govt. land. The land was procured through Orissa Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. and was allotted to the Company (Larsen & Turbo Ltd) vide their letter No.ID:JHS:6/93/16622, dt.28.08.1993 and the land has been registered vide lease deed dated 13.06.1994 against Ultra Tech Cement Ltd., Jharsuguda.

Due to the expansion of project activities by Ultra Tech Cement Ltd., Jharsuguda Cement Works from time to time, the existing railway line inside plant for transportation of raw materials & finished product is not enough to cater placement of a complete rail with 42 wagons. The loading & unloading system in the existing railway line is affecting a lot and heavy demurrage is being charged by Indian Railways authority from the company. To save the Company from financial loss caused by paying heavy demurrage charges and to cater a full rail with 42 wagons in a single line, completion of loading & unloading process within free railway time, there is an extra requirement of 10.29 acres of land (5.50 acres of Govt. land & 4.79 acres of Pvt. Land). Out of the total land, 1.975 or 0.799 ha of Revenue Forest Land is coming within the RoW of proposed railway line-II. To facilitate rail movement, it is inevitable to expand the railway line by the Company.

2. Map.

The User Agency has enclosed the maps with the forest diversion proposal as indicated below .

SL No.	Particulars	Scale	Plate No.
1	Location plan of the proposed railway line (Toposheet No.F45M1) required for diversion.	1:50,000	I
2	DGPS map of Revenue Forest land	1:1000	II
3	Authenticated revenue village sheet of Arda village..	1:4000	III

3. Forest land.

The details of Sabik kissam forests involved in this project is furnished below.

Name of Tahasil	Name of village	Khta No.	Plot No.	Total area in acs.	Proposed area in acs	Kissam	Remarks
Jharsuguda	Arda	619	5493(P)	8.20	1.975 or 0.799 ha	Gramya Jungle	Area as per DGPS survey.

4. Flora and Fauna.

No tree is available in the revenue forest land proposed for diversion. No rare or endangered flora or fauna have been reported in the area in question. Raptiles like Endua, common cobra, frog etc, however have been reported occasionally in the revenue forest lands proposed for diversion. Occasional movement of wild elephants is noticed especially during crop harvest season in the localities.

5. Wild Life Management.

The area does not form part of National Park/ Wild life Sanctuary/ Elephant corridor. Moreover, no important wildlife are available in the said locality. So, preparation of Wild Life Management Plan is not felt necessary for the purpose.

6. Trees enumeration

No tree is available in the forest land proposed for diversion.

7. Resettlement and Rehabilitation.

Not required, since the proposed railway track is not passing through any habitation.

8. Compensatory Afforestation:

The forest land proposed for diversion is below 1.0 ha. Hence, CA may not be levied.

9. Cost Benefit analysis.

The cost benefit analysis is not required for this proposal as the forest area comes below 20.0 ha.

10. Environmental Clearance.

Environment clearance is not required as per para 7(f) of MoEF Guideline of 14th September, 2006.

11. Location Plan for railway siding.

The Location plan prepared by the UA is enclosed in *Plate-I*.

12. Violation.

No violation has been observed.

13. Compliance of Schedule Tribe & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006.

Not required as diverted area is below 01 ha.

14. Deposit of NPV.

The User Agency will pay the NPV for which an undertaking has been submitted which is enclosed with the proposal.


15. Others.

- i) Part-III is enclosed.

16. Recommendation.

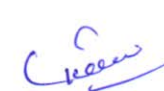
The proposal for diversion of 0.799 ha for construction of railway line-II in favour of Ultra Tech Cement Ltd., Jharsuguda Cement Works is recommended.


Encl.:- As above.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Sambalpur.

Memo No. 4460 /dt. 17.12.16

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Jharsuguda Forest Division for favour of information with reference to his memo No.4308 dt.5.12.2016.


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Sambalpur.



Part-III

(To be filed by the concerned Regional Chief Conservator of Forests)

14. Whether site, where forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests(Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observation made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.

Not required as the area of diversion is below 40 Ha.

15. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-B and recommendation of Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Yes, I do agree.

16. Specific recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

Recommended.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Sambalpur.