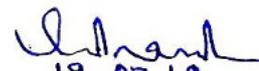


Site Inspection Report of Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhawanipatna Circle

1.	Name of the Project	Proposal for diversion of 341.23 ha of forest land in the Bolangir Forest Division for construction of Upper Lanth Medium Irrigation Project. (Proposal No. FP/OR/IRRIG/25941/2017)
2.	Name of the District/Division	Bolangir District / Bolangir Forest Division
3.	Date of Inspection	11 th July - 2018
4.	Name & Designation of Inspecting Officer	Sri Suresh Pant, IFS Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhawanipatna Circle
5.	Name & Designation of other officers who attended the inspection including representative of the User Agency	1. Sri Samir Kumar Satapathy, OFS Group (A) SB Divisional Forest Officer, Bolangir Forest Division 2. Sri Babaji Charan Roul, ACF (Enforcement) O/o DFO, Bolangir Forest Division. 3. Shri Debadatta Sutar, Dy. Ranger, I/c Lathore Range 4. Shri Dharmendra Rai, Forester, Gambhari Section Representative of User Agency Sri Jayanarayan Majhi, SDO, Padampur Investigation Division, Water Resources Department Shri Roshan Tirky, Junior Engineer, Padampur Investigation Division, Water Resources Department Sri Pruthwiraj Pattanaik, Consultant, DCS Pvt Ltd, Bhubaneswar Sri Dharmendra Pattanaik, Surveyor, DCS Pvt Ltd, Bhubaneswar
6.	Legal status of forest land with area proposed for diversion	Bender – I & II RF - 285.260 ha Revenue Forests - <u>55.970 ha</u> Total - 341.230 ha.
7.	If area required for diversion has been demarcated on the ground	The area proposed for diversion has been demarcated on the ground with posting of RCC pillars.
8.	The item wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion	Reserve Forest - 285.260 ha Revenue Forests - <u>55.970 ha</u> Total - 341.230 ha.
9.	Condition of vegetation and type of forest in applied area	The proposed forest area comes under Forest Type – (1) Northern Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest (5B), Sub-Type-Dry Peninsular Sal Forests (C1c) and Edaphic Sub-type i.e. Dry Bamboo brake (E9)

9.	Condition of vegetation and type of forest in applied area	<p><u>Bender-I & II RF :-</u></p> <p>The proposed area of 285.26 ha in Bender-I & II RF is demarcated with RCC pillar posting. The pillar no. and GPS reading inscribed. The terrain is mostly plain intersected by Nallahs at different places. The site is having moderately dense forest. The crop consists of dry deciduous species like - Sal, Char, Assan, Mahul, Kendu, Bamboo, Khair, Ainla, Bahada. The crop density is 0.7 in Bender-I & II RF. The natural regeneration of Sal, Asan, Kendu, Mahul was observed. The condition of vegetation in the site is good. During the field inspection verified Pillar No. BF- 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 34, 36 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 & 42. The crop density is 0.5 in case of Revenue Forests.</p>
10.	Position of wildlife in general	Tiger, Leopard, Wild boar, Barking Deer, Python, Small Indian civet, Wild cat, Hare, Common langur, Hyena, Fox, Common mongoose
11.	Whether the applied area is involved with any Eco-Sensitive Zone/National Park/Sanctuary	The forest area applied for diversion in Reserved Forest comes under Eco-Sensitive Zone.
12.	No. of trees to be felled and its impact on the eco-system	<p>As per tree enumeration list furnished by D.F.O. Bolangir Forest Division, 32177 nos. of Sal and non-Sal trees in Bender- I R.F., 63742 nos. of trees in Bender – II R.F. and 5625 nos. of trees in Revenue Forests are required to be felled for this project purpose.</p> <p>For mitigating adverse impact of felling such large nos. of trees on wildlife habitat, special intervention in form of site-specific wildlife management plan and soil & moisture conservation in adjoining forest area will be necessary.</p>
13.	Details of broken up area and reclamation done if any (Mining Cases)	Not applicable
14.	Position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation if any	<p>The Rehabilitation & Re-settlement Draft Plan prepared by W.R. Department of Government of Odisha had been submitted to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India in the year 2003. It was assessed that 975 families will be displaced from Pandkimal and Jamjuri villages under Belpara Block. Some govt. non-forest land was identified in different areas for rehabilitation purpose. Due to some public agitation at that point of time, the project work for land acquisition etc. could not be advanced further. However, an initiation for land acquisition has been taken in the year 2017 by the Water Resources Department.</p>

15.	Position of rare and endangered species available and importance of applied area from archeological point of view	In the applied forest area Tiger and Leopard are noticed. There is no information regarding importance of area from archeological point of view.
16.	Non-forest land used in the project and non-forest land selected for taking up compensatory afforestation is included in the D.L.C report or not	The project involved 341.30 ha of non-forest land for taking up Compensatory Afforestation. Out of the above, 292.96 ha of non-forest land has already been mutated in favour of the Forest Department. The Collector, Bolangir District vide Letter No. 460/Rev, Dt. 27.05.2018 has approved site selection proposal for Upper Lanth Irrigation Project for balance 48.34 ha of Gochar land in village Kapani and Budamunda towards Compensatory Afforestation. The process for mutation of selected balance non-forest land is under progress.
17.	Suitability of the identified non-forest Land /degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation	The site suitability certificate for the mutated non-forest land has been furnished in the CA scheme by the D.F.O., Bolangir Forest Division.
18.	Violation of F.C. Act 1980 if any and action taken report	No violation of F.C. Act 1980 noticed during inspection.


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