

PART-II

[To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest]
Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/35900/2018 (S.L. No.OR-055/2018) dt.27.9.2018

7. Location of the Project / Scheme.		
i)	State/Union Territory	:- Odisha
ii)	District	:- Sundargarh
iii)	Forest Division	:- Bonai Division
iv)	Area of Forest land proposed for diversion (in Ha.)	:- 1.81 ha.
v)	Legal status of Forest	:- DLC Forest. 1.81 ha.
vi)	Density of vegetation	:- 0.5 (Zero point five) (Eco Value Class-I)
vii)	Species wise (Scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration of FRL, FRL 2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.).	:- Species wise and diameter Class wise abstract of trees is enclosed vide Annexure-XXI/DP)
viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	:- The applied area is not vulnerable to erosion.
ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	:- The proposed site for diversion is situated at a distance of about 1.5 KM from Gonua PRF of Bonai Division
x)	Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. (if so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife warden to be annexed).	:- The applied area does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve or Elephant Corridor.
xi)	Whether any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna is found in the area, if so details thereof.	:- No rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna is found in the applied area.
xii)	Whether any protected archeological structure / heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area, If so details thereof – with NOC from competent authority, if required.	:- No protected archeological structure / heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the applied area
8.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in Col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item wise with details of alternatives examined.	:- The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring Officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.

The Range Officer, Koira has reported vide his Memo No.195 dt.15.5.2019 that some patches in the area proposed for forest diversion have been used for various purposes such as development of road, Installation of Crusher, installation of transformer etc. as seen during Site Inspection on 7.5.2019. It is found out in the field that there are 7 nos. of such patches which covers a total area of 0.500 ha. The detailed break up of above mentioned 0.500 ha. area is given below.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Area (in ha.)
1.	Road with Mineral stack	0.069
2.	Transformer, DG, MCC Room, Cable line, Pump house etc.	0.112
3.	Mines Road near DG room	0.122
4.	Crusher hopper with mineral stack	0.125
5.	Mines road near scrap yard	0.013
6.	Scrap yard	0.027
7.	Stone wall patch with mines road	0.032
TOTAL :-		0.500

In addition to the above, a Map has also been prepared taking GPS reading in the field showing above mentioned seven patches which is also enclosed for reference (Annexure-1). Moreover, the KML file of the area applied for diversion was superimposed over Google image and it was checked through Google Map timelines to verify the existence of disturbance if any. It is seen through Google Map timelines that some patches in the area applied for diversion seems to be used for different purposes such as development of road, installation of Crusher, installation of transformer etc. It is further seen that the said patches in the area applied for diversion seems to be used over an area of 1.189 ha. as per google image dated 12.11.2010, an area of 1.135 ha. as per google image dated 18.04.2014, an area of 0.827 ha. as per google image dated 18.02.2016 and an area of 0.651 ha. as per google image dated 14.02.2019.

The Google Maps of the above patches in different times have been enclosed vide Annexure-2, 3, 4, & 5 respectively. It seems on verification of the said area applied for diversion through available Google Map timelines that the maximum area under occupation of User Agency for different purposes such as development of road, installation of Crusher, installation of transformer etc. comes to 1.189 ha. as shown in Google Map of 12.11.2010 which was taken for the purpose of calculation of total area of violation. It is pertinent to mention here that the maximum area of violation found out through google map timelines as reported above is not found in the field during site inspection except 0.500 ha. which is devoid of vegetation and still in use of User Agency. The areas apart from 0.500 ha. which is shown in Map vide Annexure-1 are found out to be covered with vegetation during site inspection.

The Collector, Sundargarh has been requested to take legal action against the Mines Manager of Patabeda Iron Ore Mines of M/s M.G.M. Minerals Ltd. for unauthorised use of DLC forest land within the above area applied for diversion vide this office Letter No.3612 dt.20.5.2019.

Further, the explanation has also been sought vide this office Memo No.3613 dt.20.5.2019 & No.3610 dt.20.5.2019 from Ex-Range Officer, Koira Range / Range Officer, Koira / Forester, Koira Section / Forest Guard, Gonua Beat as they have failed to restrain the use of DLC forest land within the above proposed diversion area.

10. Details of Compensatory Afforestation scheme :			
(i)	Details of non-forest area/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	-:-	The Scheme for Comp. Affn. over 1.81 ha. identified in village Fuljhar of Kuliposh Range under Bonai Forest Division and enclosed vide Annexure-XX
(ii)	Map showing non-forest / degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	-:-	Enclosed with the Comp. Affn. Scheme and vide Annexure-4 & 5.
(iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	-:-	Details furnished in the Comp. Affn. Scheme.
(iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	-:-	Comp. Affn. Scheme:- 13,54,700/-
(v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservatory of Forests.	-:-	Suitability certificate of the competent authorities have been furnished in the Comp. Affn. Scheme.
11.	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in Col.7 (xi, xii) 8 and 9 above.	-:-	Enclosed in (Annexure-V).
12.	Division/District profile.	-:-	
(i)	Geographical area of the district/ Division	-:-	9712.00 sq. km.
(ii)	Forest area of the District	-:-	4957.32 sq. km.
(iii)	Total forest area diverted in the Division/ District since 1980 with number of cases	-:-	Nos. of cases
		-:-	Area diverted (in ha.)
			53
			6014.002
(iv)	Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the District / Division since 1980 as on dt.1.1.2019.	-:-	
	(a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation	-:-	8038.110 Ha.
	(b) Non-forest land	-:-	1251.232 Ha.
(v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on dt.1.1.2019	-:-	
	(a) Forest land	-:-	8038.110 Ha.
	(b) Non-forest land	-:-	1122.460 Ha.
13.	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	-:-	In view of the above, grant of approval for diversion of 1.81 ha. of DLC forest land U/s-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act'1980 may be considered on its own merit.

21/5/19
Divisional Forest Officer,
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