

PART-II**(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)****State serial No. of proposal**

7.	Location of the Project/ Scheme:	Proposal for diversion of 7.397 ha. of Forest Land for Mahagiri Mines (Chromite) of M/s IMFA Ltd.
(i)	State/ Union Territory	ODISHA
(ii)	District	JAJPUR
(iii)	Forest Division.	CUTTACK
(iv)	Area of forestland proposed for diversion (in ha.)	7.397 ha.
(v)	Legal Status of forest	Revenue Forest
(vi)	Density of vegetation.	Eco Class I, below 0.4 (Canopy Coverage)
(vii)	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter &FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed)	944 nos. of trees and 300 saplings (under 30 cm) have been enumerated and the enumeration list enclosed with the diversion proposal.
(viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	The proposed area is not vulnerable to erosion and do not form a part of severely eroded area.
(ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	The proposed site is adjoining to Mahagiri DPF and about 1.5 Km from Daitary DPF.
(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).	Do not form part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve etc. The distance of the project site from the proposed tiger corridor in Daitari DPF is about 8.94 Kms.
(xi)	Whether any rare/endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area-if so details thereof.	Fauna- Migratory Elephant, Ratel, King Cobra, Sloth Bear, Pangolin. Flora- Sal, Piasal, Sisoo, Kangada.
(xii)	Whether any project archeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	NIL
8.	Whether the requirement of forestland 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 is unavoidable and barest minimum for the Mining purpose.
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.	NO

	Details of Compensatory Afforestation scheme	The Non-Forest land over 6.787 ha. in Village Panturi under Dhamasala Tehsil in Jajpur District has been identified. The details of land schedule identified for Compensatory Afforestation along with scheme and required map has been enclosed with the Diversion proposal.
(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 non-forest land of 6.787 ha. has been identified in one sites under Dhamasala Tehsil Cuttack Forest Division for C.A. as follows : <u>Village Panturi</u> Patch-1 :- 6.787 Ha. The detail scheme and required map is enclosed with the proposal.
	Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	The map showing Govt. non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation enclosed with the Diversion Proposal.
(iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule , cost structure, etc.	Compensatory Afforestation scheme mentioning all details enclosed with the Diversion Proposal.
(iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	Total financial outlay for the Compensatory Afforestation scheme comes to Rs.18,38,000/-.
(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 Conservator of Forests).	Joint verification report regarding suitability of identified non-forest area for compensatory afforestation duly signed by all concerned enclosed with the proposal.
	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col.7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	Site inspection Report in the prescribed format is enclosed with the D.P.
12.	Division/ District profile:	Jajpur District
(i)	Geographical area of the district.	2899.00 Sq.Km.
(ii)	Forest area of the district:	725.27 Sq.Km.
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	3651.69 Ha. / 25 nos.
(iv)	Total Compensatory Afforestation stipulated in the District/ Division since 1980 as on (a)Forest land including penal Compensatory Afforestation. (b)Non-forest land.	31.12.2015 2452.441 Ha. 2968.013 Ha.

v)	Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on (data) as on (a) Forest land (b) Non-forest land	31.12.2015 2130.239 Ha. 2457.862 Ha.
13.	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	<p>Mahagiri Mines (Chromite) of M/s IMFA Ltd. is an ongoing mining project for exploration of Chromite ore confined over M.L area of 73.777 ha. Comprises of 66.38 ha. forest land and 7.397 ha. non-forest land. Accordingly the mining lease deed has been duly executed and the mining operation is continuing under the provision of MMDR Amendment Act 2015. But as per Sabik Settlement record the entire M.L area of 73.777 ha. is forest land out of which the User Agency has already obtained forest clearance over 66.38 ha. from GOI, MoEF&CC vide their letter F.No.8-116/2002-FC Dated 18-05-2005 and F.No.8-116/2000-FC(vol.) Dated 18-11-2014. The mining operation is continuing. The present proposal is for the balance forest land of 7.397 ha. as per Sabik Settlement record as on 25-10-1980 for which NPV has been paid by the User Agency. The User Agency (Project Proponent) has also obtained mandatory clearance like Environment Clearance, Consent to Operate, Approved Mining Scheme etc. from competent authority for this project.</p> <p>In view of the above facts and as per the guideline dt.10-03-2015 of Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, the proposal for diversion of 7.397 ha. of forest land as on 25-10-1980 as submitted by the User Agency is recommended for approval under Section-2 of Forest(Conservation) Act-1980</p>

Signature



Date: 21.05.2016

Place: Cuttack

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