



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

Letter No. **27303** /9F (Road)-409/2017
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the **26th** December, 2017

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest & Environment Department,
Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Permission for repair, maintenance and black topping part of forest road from SH-24 to Gardega over a distance of 1.72 km covering an area of 1.247ha of forest land **(Package No-OR-28-33/Phase VII- 2007-08)** by RW Division, Kuchinda, under Bamara (WL) Division. (Proposal No:-FP/OR/ROAD/17475/2016. State SI No.OR-047/17 dt 18.09.2017)

Sir,

A proposal seeking permission for repair, maintenance and black topping of Forest Road from SH-24 to Gardega over a distance of 1.72 Km. covering an area of 1.247 ha of forest land comprising of 1.01 ha of Reserve Forest land and 0.237 ha of Revenue forest land in Bamra (WL) Division under PMGSY scheme submitted by the Executive Engineer, RW Division, Kuchinda has been duly processed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Bamara (WL) Division and Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur Circle. The same is forwarded herewith in triplicate for accordence of permission by the State Govt. as per guidelines of MoEF vide F No 5-3/2007-FC dt. 17. 01.2011.

1. Brief Description

Indian economy is based on development of rural areas as nearly 74 percent of its population are living in villages. A large section of the Country's population is still isolated from the mainstream, thus depriving them of the benefits of the Country's economic growth. Many habitations still remain unconnected. Improper road connectivity is one of the main reasons of stopping growth in rural areas. Improvement of rural road connectivity is a key component for development of rural economy and social services in India. A good road connectivity will enable communities to fully access existing government services, information and social linkages. The instant road project includes up-gradation of existing kutchra forest road to black topped surface which will give all weather connectivity to nine interior tribal villages like Kishanpada, Charchuan, Gardega, Nuapali, Jurapali, Kichinda, Dahamunda, Rangiatikira & Sunamunda under Rangiatikira & Rabga Gram panchayat, in **Sambalpur District which is a notified LWE affected Dist.** It will provide easy access to nearby Primary Health Centres, agricultural market etc throughout the year. There will be no widening. The formation width of the road will be confined to existing 6 mtrs. only. Hence the project will not require acquisition

of further land and no tree cutting will be done. As per report of the DFO Bamara (WL) Division, forest land to an extent of 1.247 ha is involved in the entire stretch of road now proposed for improvement (black topping). The proposed road does not pass through any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary and Eco-Sensitive Zone of any Protected Areas.

This road is a notified forest road and is being managed by Forest Department for forest protection & management works of Bamra (WL) Division as reported by the DFO Bamra WL Division vide his Memo No.5538 dt.05.12.2017 (Page No.39/DPR). The improvement of this road stretch will be done under PMGSY Scheme, Package No OR-28-33/Phase VII- 2007-08, sanctioned vide RD Department Order No 10881/RD RW-PMGSY-130/2007 Dt. 05.11.2007. Copy of the sanctioned letter is enclosed at Page 40-42/DPR.

2. Justification

The Project is just an up-gradation of existing Kutcha forest road to all weather black topped road without requirement of any additional land.

This project would result in:-

1. Substantial social and financial benefit to the local people.
2. Provide all weather road connectivity to nine interior tribal villages.
3. Provide facility to local people to reach the nearest Primary Health Centers.
4. Promote market linking to agricultural products.

In view of the above facts, improvement of this existing kutcha forest road is necessitated. The requirement of three feasible alternatives for this project is not insisted upon.

3. Maps

The User Agency has furnished the following maps, duly authenticated by all concerned.

SI No.	Particulars	Scale	Plate No.
1.	Topo sheet No.F45G8-Index Map	1:50,000	Plate No.1
2	DGPS Map of Bandhanwar R.F (Chareichuan to Gardega)	1:4000	Plate No 2
3	DGPS Map of Bandhanwar R.F (Rangiatikira eqto Chareichuan)	1:1000	Plate No-3
4	DGPS Map of Chareichuan village	1.4000	Plate No -4
5	DGPS Map of Gardega (SH-2) village	1:4000	Plate No -5
6	DGPS Map of Rangiatikira village	1:4000	Plate No -6
7	Cadastral Map of Rangiatikira SH1,Charichuan,Gardega &SH-2	16"=1mile	Plate No 7 -10

4. Forest land

The construction and maintenance of road and C.D works under PMGSY package works package No.OR-28-33/Phase VII 2007-08 (SH 24 to Gardega) involves 1.247 ha of forest land as detailed below.

Forest Division	Forest land involved in ha.						Non-Forest land involved			Grand Total
	RF	VF	Unclassed Forest	DLC	Revenue Forest	Total	Govt. land	Pvt. Land	Total	
Rairakhol	1.01	0.237	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.247 ha	1.511	Nil	1.511	2.758

5. Flora and Fauna

No forest growth exists on the site proposed for permission, but as reported by the DFO Bamara(WL) Division in his site inspection report at Page No14, the adjacent area consists of sal dominated dry deciduous forest.

6. Tree enumeration

No tree growth is existing on the proposed forest land to be permitted, hence tree enumeration is not done.

7. Environmental Clearance

Environmental clearance is not required for this project as per MoEF, GoI Notification No.J-11013/56/2004-1A-II(I) dated 14th September, 2006.

8. Cost-benefit Analysis

Cost Benefit analysis is not required for this project as the forest area involved is only 1.247 ha.

9. Compensatory Afforestation

Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of forest land is not required as the proposed forest land will be permitted by State Govt. for repair, maintenance and black topping as per guidelines of MoEF dt 14.09.2004. & 17.01.2011 . However stipulation may be imposed to take up avenue plantation all along this road at vacant patches by the user agency at project cost.

10. Forest Right Act Certificate

The Collector and District Magistrate Sambalpur has issued the required certificate under Forest Right Act, 2006 in prescribed format (Form-I) for 0.237 ha of revenue forest land vide his order No.25/SSD/FRA dated 28.09.2017, which is enclosed at **Page No. 20 /DPR.**

11. Resettlement & Rehabilitation

As reported by DFO, Bamara (WL) Division. There will be no displacement of any human habitation, so the rehabilitation and resettlement plan is not required for this project.

12. Wild life Management

As reported by the DFO, Bamara(WL) Division in Part-II, no rare/endangered / unique species of fauna are seen in the area (**Page-8/DPR**). Therefore, Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan may not be insisted upon for this project.

13. Violation

As reported by the DFO, Bamara (WL) Division in the site inspection report (Page No.14), no violation has been committed by the User Agency under FC, Act 1980.

14. Others

Part-II, Part-III and site inspection reports are enclosed in the DP (Page No.5 to 10). The DGPS Maps of the forest area applied for permission duly authenticated by the DFO, Bamara(WL) has been furnished in the **DPR (Page No.39 to 43)** . Basic information of Bamara(WL) Division is enclosed at **Page No.43/DPR**. District profile of Sambalpur District is enclosed at **Page No.44/DPR**. State Profile has been furnished at **Page No.45/DPR**.

15. Recommendation:-

In view of the above, the proposal seeking permission for repair, maintenance and black topping of the existing kutch forest road from SH-24 to Gardega over a distance of 1.72 Km. covering an area of 1.247 ha. of forest land (1.01 ha. of Reserve forest land and 0.237 ha. of Revenue forest land) in Bamra (WL) Division under PMGSY Scheme is recommended and forwarded to Govt. for according permission as per Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change guidelines issued vide F No 5-3/2007-FC dt.17.01.2011, with the following conditions.

1. Status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Existing alignment of the road shall not be changed under any circumstances.
3. No tree felling shall be allowed.
4. No widening of road shall be undertaken.
5. No breaking of fresh forest land shall be carried out.
6. While black- topping, adequate precaution shall be taken by the user agency not to damage the adjoining flora and fauna.
7. No labour camp shall be established on forest land.
8. The forest road will continue to be under the administrative control of forest department.
9. Avenue Plantation all along the road at vacant places to be taken up by User Agency at project cost.

Encl:- **Proposal
in triplicate**

Yours faithfully,

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Odisha

Memo No. 27304 Date. 26-12-17

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No 3212 dt. 01.11.2017.

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Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 27305 Date. 26-12-17

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Bamara(WL) Forest Division for information and necessary action , with reference to his Memo No 4864 dt. 24.10.2017.

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Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Memo No. 27306 Date. 26-12-17

Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, RW Division, Kuchinda for information and necessary action.

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