

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,  
JEYPORE FOREST DIVISION, JEYPORE.

Memo No. 2343 /Dated 20-05-2017

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Koraput Circle, Koraput.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of forest land for the work 'widening to two lane from 327/700 Km to 413/700 Km of NH 326 (erstwhile from 16/0 to 102/00 Km of SH 25) under Vijayawada-Ranchi corridor in Koraput and Malkangiri district on EPC basis in Leftwing Extremism district.

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With reference to the subject cited above, I am submitting herewith the proposal for widening to two lane from 327/700 Km to 413/700 Km of NH 326 under Vijayawada-Ranchi corridor in Jeypore division of Koraput district on EPC basis in Leftwing Extremism district for obtaining approval of Govt. of Odisha/ Govt. of India under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

***1. Brief Description:***

National Highway Divisions are working under the Works Department, Govt of Odisha and engaged for development/widening of the National Highways in the State. Jeypore is a major township of Koraput district and it is connected to Malkangiri over a distance of 104 Kms by NH 326. The condition of the road especially in Gobindpali ghat section is very bad. Considering the ever increasing traffic plying on the said road and in order to decrease the travel time between Jeypore and Malkangiri, it is very essential to develop and widen the existing road in the ghat section of Gobindpali which involves two Reserved Lands, i.e. Dasmanpur and Dharamgarh from 344/900 Km (N 18°41'10.9" E 82°22'20.9") to 352/700 Km (N 18°38'45.8" E 82°20'17.8") over a distance of 7.8 Kms in Jeypore division. The total forest area required for Diversion is 10.635 Ha including 2.892 ha coming under Jeypore Forest Division in Koraput district. The proposed work involves widening of the existing road having an average width of 16 mt to 20 mts, with provision of two-lane carriage way of 7 mts along with concrete drain, guard wall, CD works. The proposed widening work has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Road Transport &



Highways, Govt. of India vide their letter No. NH-12014/431/2011/LWE/ORS dated 11.03.2015 with a financial provision of Rs. 277.05 Crores (**Annexure – 1**).

## **2. Map.**

The User Agency, i.e. Executive Engineer, NH Division, Jeypore has enclosed the following maps. Minor difference has been noticed when DGPS coordinates were verified by GPS instruments in the field.

SL No.	Particulars	Scale	Plate No.
1	Top sheet No. E44K6	1: 50,000	<b>Plate-1</b>
2	DGPS Survey Plan by ORSAC	1:8,000	<b>Plate-2</b>
3	DGPS Survey Plan by ORSAC	1:6,000	<b>Plate-3</b>
4	DGPS Survey Plan by ORSAC	1:6,000	<b>Plate-4</b>

## **3. Forest land.**

In total, the project involves 2.892 ha of forest land in Jeypore Division, the details are as follows.

Name of Division	Name of Village	Kissam	Forest Area in ha
Jeypore Forest Division	Dasmanpur RL	Reserved Land	0.932
	Dharamgarh RL	Reserved Land	1.960
	TOTAL		2.892

The aforesaid forest area falls within Reserved Lands which are treated as Protected Forest as per rule 33(2) of OFA, 1972 and are under the control of forest department. The report of the Tahsildar, Boipariguda is enclosed as **Annexure – 2**.

## **4. Flora and Fauna.**

Tree species which are commonly noticed in the proposed area are sal as main species along with bija, dhaura, asan, kendu, jamun, kasi, moi, kusum, sahaja, mango, tangini, sidha, charkoli, mundi, gada khaira, kurei etc. with canopy density between 0.4 and 0.5. The fauna noticed in the area are Wildlife like Wild boar, Barking deer, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Hare. Birds like common doves, mynas, Jungle crow, Indian cuckoo, parrots, etc are seen. Common reptiles and lizards like Indian cobra, Python, Common krait, rat snakes, common garden lizards are seen in the area.



## **5. Tree enumeration**

Plot wise tree enumeration has been carried out in the Forest area applied for diversion. The detailed enumeration list (1432 nos of trees) has been annexed separately with the proposals as **Annexure – 3**. The density of vegetation of the forest area in Dasmantpur RL and Dharamgarh RL in Jeypore Forest Division is between 40% and 50% of Eco-Class-II.

## **6. Compensatory Afforestation:**

Since, this is a State Government Sector Project, as per 3.2(VII) of guide lines of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, the degraded revenue forest land equal in extent, has been identified in Plot No- 645, Khata No-88, Mouza- Rekhapali, Tahsil- Chitrakonda, District- Malkangiri, Kissam- Revenue Forest, Extent – 10.8 Ha. The CA scheme has been prepared by the DFO Malkangiri Division and being submitted by him.

## **7. Resettlement and Rehabilitation.**

The proposal does not warrant any displacement of human-being and hence, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Plan is not required.

## **8. Cost Benefit analysis.**

The cost benefit analysis is provided as **Annexure - 4** with the proposal.

## **9. Environmental Clearance.**

Environmental clearance is not necessary for the project.

## **10. Wildlife Management Plan.**

The RoW of the proposed road is not falling within any eco-sensitive zone, national park or sanctuary in Jeypore Forest Division.

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

The User Agency has been advised to furnish the certificate issued by the Collector, Koraput under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 for the proposed diversion of 2.892 ha forest land, before the Regional CCF, Koraput Circle.

## **12. Deposit of NPV.**

The User Agency has given an undertaking to pay the Net Present Value of the forest land proposed to be diverted (**Annexure – 5**).

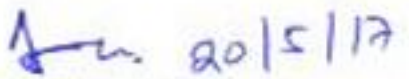
**13. Violation.**

No violation noticed.

**14. Others.**

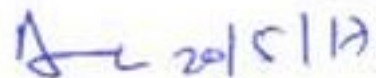
- i) Site inspection report of DFO, Jeypore Forest Division is enclosed.
- ii) Part-II is enclosed.

Encl: 5 sets of proposal.

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