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To

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

Sub.: - Proposal for diversion of 27.343 Ha. of Forest Land for widening of existing 2 lane to 2 lane with 1.5 Mtr. Wide paved shoulder from Km 0/0 to 81/00 & 93/00 to 119/00 of N.H. - 157 on vide proposal No. FP/OR/ROAD/31054/2017 (State SL No. OR - 02/ 2018 dated 04.01.2018).

In inviting a kind reference, on the captioned subject cited above, it is to inform you that this is a proposal for diversion of 27.343 Ha. of Forest Land for "Widening of existing 2 lanes to 2 lane with 1.5 Mtr. wide paved shoulder from Km 0/0 to 81/00 & 93/00 to 119/00 of N.H. - 157" vide proposal No. FP/OR/ROAD/31054/2017 (State SL No. OR - 02/ 2018 dated 04.01.2018) received from the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (F.D. & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar online and hard copy from the user agency Executive Engineer, NH Division, Sambalpur on 09.07.2018 for diversion (under FCA- 1980) bearing State Sl. No. OR - 02/ 2018 dated 04.01.2018. Out of total 27.343 Ha. of forest land, 19.621 Ha. of Reserve Forest Land is to be diverted for road work such as "Widening of existing 2 lanes to 2 lane with 1.5 Mtr. wide paved shoulder from 93/00 to 119/00 of N.H. - 157" on EPC mode in respect of Ghumsur (North) Forest Division.

Hence the above diversion proposal in 5 (Five) sets and 5 (Five) sets of ORSAC DGPS maps with CD are sent with the following agenda for favour of information and necessary action.

1. Detail description:

The User Agency, The Executive Engineer, NH Division, Sambalpur has applied for diversion of forest land for construction of road work such as "Widening of existing 2 lanes to 2 lane with 1.5 Mtr. wide paved shoulder from Km 0/0 to 81/00 & 93/00 to 119/00 of N.H. - 157". This Project has meant for to improve the Socio-economic development and transportation facilities of this localities. Further, to provide safety of vehicular traffic as well as to increase of fuel efficiency of the vehicles plying on this road. Further, this is the lifeline route in the southern region of the Odisha.

The proposed project passing through Ghumsur (North) Forest Division.

Reserve Forest land as well as Jungle Kissam is required for construction of the said project in this forest division involved is **19.621 Ha.** out of 27.343 Ha. total forest land to be diverted.

2. Relevant Maps:

The detailed Topo sheets and Revenue village maps which involves the diversion of forest lands given in details as follows:-

Sl No	Name of the Map	Scale	D P Page No.
1	The maps required in this project are shown in Topo sheets as in location map mentioned in Content sl. No. A to E	1: 50000	Plate-I (A) to Plate-I (E)
2	Cadastral Map of Villages as enclosed in the page No. 135 to 182	16"= 1 Mile	The sheet Nos as mentioned in Contents from Sl. No. i to v
3	The DGPS Map duly authenticated by ORSAC	1:1980	Attached in Vol. II
4	CA Land submitted by the Boudh Forest Division enclosed.	1:50000	Attached in Vol. I

3. Tree Enumeration

The trees enumerated coming under this Road project is furnished below

Trees -851nos. of different species.

The abstract and detailed tree enumeration list furnished in the diversion proposal as Tree abstract Sl No. at Page No. 228 and 229.

4. Compensatory Afforestation:

The area of 40 Ha. of Degraded Forest Land to be taken up for Compensatory Afforestation at Boudh Forest Division against Forest land of 19.621 Ha. forest land to be diverted in Ghumsur North Division vide memo No. 7532 dated 06.04.2018 of the Addl. P.C.C.F., O/o PCCF, Odisha. Further, the area of 16 Ha. of Degraded Forest Land for Compensatory Afforestation at Phulbani Forest Division against of 7.722 Ha. requires as per D.F.O., Phulbani's recommendation. Hence, total area of 56 Ha. for Compensatory Afforestation in both Forest Divisions is required against Total 27.343 Ha. of Forest Land to be diverted for construction of the said project.

Details of Compensatory Afforestation has been furnished by Boudh Forest Division for an area of 40 Ha. for diversion of 19.621 Ha. forest land in this forest division.

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5. Cost Benefit Analysis:-

The total forest loss calculation for the project has been prepared. The cost benefit ratio is $899.75 / 1507.82715 = 0.5967$ which is less than ($<$) 1, enclosed as Annexure -IV.

6. Resettlement and Rehabilitation Plan:

There is no human habitation in the proposed forest land area. Hence Resettlement and Rehabilitation plan is not required.

7. Environmental Clearance:

Since this is a forest diversion proposal for up-gradation of road work (Linear Project) it does not require certification under EIA.

8. Net Present Value (NPV):

The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit the cost of NPV in due course, at page No. 187 of diversion Proposal.

9. Certificate under Forest Right Act, 2006 from Collector, Ganjam, Chatrapur.

The Collector, Ganjam has submitted the required certificate under the schedule Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act - 2006. The copy of the certificate on that regard in the diversion proposal issued by the Collector, Ganjam is enclosed here with at page No. 186.

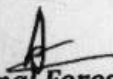
10. Violations under Forest Conservation Act-1980:

There is no violation of provisions of Forest Conservation Act-1980 observed to have been committed by the User Agency.

Recommendation:

Since this is a Govt. of India Project (National Highway Road- 157) initiated with larger interest of the general public of the locality vis-à-vis the state as a whole, the proposal is recommended for approval by the Govt. of India for diversion of 19.621 Ha. in this forest division in favour of the User Agency for the project such as "Widening of existing 2 lanes to 2 lane with 1.5 Mtr. Wide paved shoulder from Km 0/0 to 81/00 & 93/00 to 119/00 of N.H. - 157".

Encl.: As above.

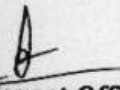

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Copy submitted to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C Act., O/O the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Odisha for favour of information and necessary action with reference to the proposal No. FP/OR/ROAD/31054/2017 (State SL No. OR - 02/ 2018 dated 04.01.2018).


**Divisional Forest Officer,
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Memo No. 1126 /Date. 7.3.19

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Phulbani and Boudh Forest Division for information and necessary action.


**Divisional Forest Officer,
Ghumsur North Division.**

Memo No. 1127 /Date. 7.3.19

Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, N.H. Division, Sambalpur/ Berhampur for information and necessary action.


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