



To,
The Divisional Forest Officer,
Berhampur Forest Division,
Berhampur,
Dist – Ganjam, Odisha.

TSSEZ/ENV/02/2016
May 5, 2016.

Sub: Diversion of 3.792 ha. forest land in Badapur & Chamakhandi villages of Ganjam District for development of Industrial Park & Special Economic Zone(SEZ) by M/s Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Ltd. at Gopalpur in Ganjam District, Odisha.

Ref: 1. Your Office Letter No. 2169 dtd. 06.04.2016
2. Letter No. 5973 dtd. 30.03.2016 of Special Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above subject matter cited above, the deficiencies observed by Special Secretary to Govt. are being clarified point-wise as below;

1. **Page containing paragraphs No. 9, 10, 11 & 12 of the forwarding letter is missing, which may be furnished for reference.**

The same will be furnished by the Office of PCCF, Odisha.

2. **As per Gol, Ministry of Commerce and Industry Letter dtd. 18.6.2007, Gol had granted formal approval for this SEZ project in favor of M/s Gopalpur Special Economic Zone Limited. However, the letter of Ministry dtd. 11.03.2015 indicates about change of name of developer to M/s Tata Steel SEZ Ltd. Therefore factual details of the land required for the SEZ project, land already acquired, name of acquiring agency, State Government permission/recommendation for the project, selection of developers of the project from time to time may be furnished.**

M/s Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Ltd, is a 100% subsidiary of Tata Steel Ltd originally incorporated as Gopalpur Special Economic Zone Limited on 11th October 2006 under the Companies Act, 1956 (copy enclosed as Annexure 1) and subsequently changed to Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited on 20th November 2014 in pursuant to rule 29 of the Companies (incorporation) Rules, 2014 as in Annexure 2. Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce (SEZ section) had accorded formal approval for development, operation & maintenance of the multi-product SEZ at Gopalpur vide its letter dtd. 18.06.2007 (copy enclosed as Annexure 3). Further, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, in consultation with the state government has conveyed further extension of the validity period of formal approval for setting up a multi-product SEZ at Gopalpur, Dist Ganjam, Odisha upto 17th December 2016 vide its letter dtd. 15th March 2016 (Copy enclosed as Annexure 4).

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3. **Part I & II of the application form of the hard file are not attached to the DP. Only Print out copies of the online application of Part I & II are attached to the DP.**
The hard copy of Part I of Form A is being enclosed herewith as Annexure 5.

4. **Present status of environmental/CRZ clearance of MoEF&CC for the project along with the status of CTE/CTO of SPCB may be furnished.**

The SEZ & Industrial Park of Tata Steel Special Economic Zone has been granted Terms of Reference (ToR) from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide letter dated 12.11.2015 (Copy enclosed as Annexure 6). The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is under progress and shall be submitted to Odisha State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) by end of April 2016 for conducting Public hearing. We have been granted the CRZ clearance to set up a Desalination Plant required to cater the water requirement for the multi-product SEZ/Industrial Park (Copy enclosed as Annexure 7).

5. **Locating the project on forest land has not been examined as per provisions of para 2.1(3) of the FC Act guidelines to avoid in- escapability of using forest kism land.**

The total land over an area of 1193.378 Ha was acquired in 1995 -96 by Tata Steel through IDCO, initially for the Integrated Steel plant proposed at Gopalpur. Due to absence of adequate infrastructural facilities, the steel plant could not be established and the same land was notified to be used for the development of multi-product SEZ/Industrial Park. Out of the total area of 1193.378 Ha of land, only 3.792 Ha of land is revenue forest land. The extent of forest land over 3.792 Ha is scattered over 18 patches in two different villages namely, Badapur & Chamakhandi interspersed with non-forest revenue land within the entire acquired land which could not be excluded from the project area. Moreover, most of the forest patches located within the project area shall be utilized as green belt and will not be used for any other non-forestry purpose.

6. **Although displacement of human habitation is involved in this project, yet the DFO, Berhampur Forest Division in his site inspection report has indicated NIL pertaining to this issue. This may be clarified.**

The land proposed for establishment of Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Ltd (1009 Ha) is well within the total area acquired by Tata Steel i.e. 1193.378 Ha for which displacement of human habitation was completed and executed during 1996 – 2000 in line with the guidelines of R & R vide letter No. REH-23/96-134711R dated 19.03.1996 of Revenue & Excise Department, Govt. of Odisha. The R& R programme was also executed in 1996 in consonance with the Rehabilitation Plan as enclosed with the diversion proposal.

Total No. of displaced Core families: 656

Total No. of displaced extended families: 989

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Total No. of families:	1645
Total No. of Project Affected families (Non-displaced):	1636

However, there is no separate displacement of human habitation made for Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Ltd. for which this diversion proposal has been submitted. Hence, the same was indicated as NIL in the inspection report furnished by Divisional Forest Officer, Berhampur.

7. Documents showing permission/assurance for supply of water and power to this Industrial Park/SEZ project may be furnished.

Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Ltd has proposed to set up a desalination plant for the supply of water to its SEZ and Industrial Park for which necessary environment clearance has been obtained from MoEF&CC and the project is under progress. Options of rain water harvesting and recycling of water by treating it in Common Effluent Treatment Plant is envisaged for the proposed project. Consequent upon discussion with Water Resources Department, Govt. of Odisha, a water feasibility study for additional water requirement was conducted independently through a consultant M/s Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt Ltd, Bhubaneswar. A copy of the letter addressed to The Principal Secretary, Dept. of Water Resources in this regard is enclosed as Annexure 8. The detailed study report is being submitted to DoWR for further action in this regard. Further, Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL) vide its letter no. 3105 dtd. 03.09.2013 has indicated the permission for connectivity of proposed SEZ & Industrial park at Gopalpur with OPTCL transmission system (copy enclosed as Annexure 9).

8. Executive Summary attached to the DP indicates that 2493 acres (1009 Ha) land has been acquired for the project whereas the abstract of land required for the project appended to the DP mentions it to be 1193.378 Ha. This discrepancy may be clarified.

The abstract of land (1193.378 Ha), as appended and counter-signed by the project proponent, Divisional Forest Officer, Berhampur and both the Tahsildars - Chatrapur & Konisi is the extent of land acquired by Tata Steel through IDCO. However, it is proposed to establish a multi-product SEZ/Industrial Park in the name and style of Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Ltd over an area of 1009 Ha in respect of which the detailed purpose wise break up has been appended in the executive summary of the project.

9. Longitudinal and latitudinal extent of the project site has not been furnished.

The longitudinal and latitudinal extent of the project site is 19o 17' 4.4" to 19o19'35" N & 84° 55' 10.2" to 84° 55' 47" E.

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10. It may be clarified if R & R plan attached to the DP is against the Industrial Park/SEZ project for which Forest Diversion proposal is now processed. If so, **whether the R & R plan has been approved by competent authority.**

The R & R plan attached to the Diversion proposal is in consonance with the guidelines of R & R vide letter No. REH-23/96-134711R dated 19.03.1996 of Revenue & Excise Department, Govt. of Odisha approved exclusively for integrated steel plant at Gopalpur and was executed for the displacement of the people way back in 1996 and completed by 2000. The steel plant was not feasible & subsequently, Govt. of Odisha notified the same land to be utilized for the development of multi-product SEZ/Industrial Park vide notification dated 9th October 2007 of Revenue & Disaster Management department, Govt. of Odisha (copy enclosed as Annexure 10). Hence, the R & R plan approved at that point of time is also applicable for this project. Further, as the project was inordinately delayed, keeping in view the demand of the displaced persons, Govt. of Odisha approved an additional R & R compensation package vide proceedings Memo no. 6875 dtd. 27.03.2015 (copy enclosed as Annexure 11) which is currently under execution through District Administration.

11. **The applicant company for this project is Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Ltd. Therefore, the Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association along with certificate of incorporation of this company may be furnished.**

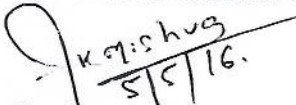
The project is being developed by M/s Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Ltd. The Memorandum of Association & Articles of Association is being enclosed as Annexure 12 along with certificate of incorporation as mentioned above.

We trust that the above information furnished is in line with your requirement.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For TATA STEEL SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE Ltd.,


5/5/16.

Sushanta Kumar Mishra
Chief – PG & SEZ.

Encl : As above in 6 no. of sets.

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