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To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Division,
Sundargarh

Subject: Submission of reply to the Essential Details Sought in respect of diversion proposal of 134.69 Ha of forest land for Kulda Expansion OCP of Basundhara Area, MCL.

Ref – 1.) Your Letter No. – 1186/4F (Miss.)/Dated – 03.03.2023.

2.) Memo from RCCF vide no. – 692/3F(Misc)873/2023/Date – 28.02.2023.

Respected Sir,

With reference to the letter cited above, the short coming found in the diversion proposal has been complied herewith. The details furnished are given below:

1. (i) From the village wise break up of forest land proposed for diversion as furnished in the Part-I of the proposal, It is seen that forest area over 35.81 Ha as mentioned against the village, Balinga is not found to be correct when cross checked with the detailed village wise land schedule furnished at pg.84/DP. It is seen that the village Balinga doesn't involve any forest land. Rather, the same extent of forest land belongs to the village Tumulia. Accordingly, the Part-I of the proposal needs revision. The same thing has been repeated vide no. – 3 in your forwarding letter also which needs corrections. Further, the Govt. Non-Forest land over 16.42 Ha belonging to the village Tumulia is actually 16.41 Ha as per the land schedule. Therefore, necessary corrections may be effected wherever required in the proposal as well as in the forwarding letter.

In compliance to the above, this is to state that the village Balinga as per the land schedule does not involve any forest land and the forest area of 35.81 Ha belongs to the village Tumulia, which has been corrected in the Part – I as per the land schedule. The actual area of Govt. Non-Forest Land belonging to the village Tumulia is 16.41 Ha, which has also been corrected as per the land schedule. The necessary corrections have accordingly been made in Form-A, Part-I of DP.

2. In the purpose wise break up of forest & non-forest land furnished vide point No. 4 of the forwarding letter, it is seen the Non-Forest land involved in 7.5 m SZ is 17.56 ha whereas per land schedule furnished at page-84/DP, it is 17.55 ha. The discrepancy in this regard may be clarified.

Further, the forest area involved in the SZ is mentioned to be 9.77 ha. As per land schedule furnished at Page-84/DP. But the same is mentioned to be 9.78 Ha in the part-I as well as in the forwarding letter. Therefore, the discrepancy needs to be clarified & necessary correction may be effected wherever required.

The Govt. Non-Forest Land involved in 7.5 m of SZ is actually 17.55 Ha as per the land schedule, which has been corrected in DP as per the recommendation.

The Forest area involved in 7.5m SZ is actually 9.78 Ha as per the land schedule, that has also been corrected as per the recommendation in Part-I.

3. The village wise Govt. Non-Forest land mentioned vide point no.3 of the forwarding letter is as follows:

1) Kulda – 26.86 Ha

- 2) Bankibahal – 10.80 Ha
- 3) Balinga – 8.59 Ha
- 4) Tumulia – 16.42 Ha
- 5) Siarmal – 0 Ha

Where as in the land schedule obtained from the Tahasildar, Hemgir the Govt. Non- Forest land involved in the aforesaid villages are as follows:-

- 1) Kulda – 26.44 Ha
- 2) Bankibahal – 8.12 Ha
- 3) Balinga – 1.93 Ha
- 4) Tumulia – 28.73 Ha
- 5) Siarmal – 0

The discrepancies in the extent of area may be clarified.

In compliance to the above this is to state that the village wise Govt. Non-Forest Land as per the Authenticated Land Schedule is as follows:

- 1) Kulda – 28.88 Ha
- 2) Bankibahal – 10.80 Ha
- 3) Balinga – 8.60 Ha
- 4) Tumulia – 16.41 Ha
- 5) Siarmal – 0

A total of 64.69 ha of Govt. Non- Forest Land is involved in the expansion proposal of Kulda OCP. The discrepancy was due to the fact the additional authenticated land in land schedule was not taken into account, which has accordingly been rectified and the corrected data has been incorporated in Part-I.

4. It is seen that an area of 286.96 Ha of degraded forest land i.e. twice in extent to the forest land of 134.69 Ha (including SZ area of 9.77Ha) proposed for diversion has been identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation. Since the area under SZ cannot be put to any non-forest use and it has to be maintained as Green belt around the ML area by ensuring its fencing, protection and regeneration and degraded forest land to the extent of 1.5 times the area under SZ has to be identified elsewhere for afforestation, while calculating the area for CA, the area under SZ should not have been taken into account. In the instant case an area of 249.84 Ha of degraded forest land should have been identified for CA instead of identifying 286.96 ha of degraded forest land. Therefore, the CA scheme needs to be revised accordingly.

In compliance to the above this is to state that the area under SZ considered for the CA has been removed from the instant CA scheme. The effective area has been reduced from 286.96 Ha to 249.82 Ha (i.e. $(134.69 - 9.78 \text{ (Safety Zone)}) \times 2 = 124.91 \times 2 = 249.82 \text{ Ha}$) while preparing the CA scheme as per the recommendation and the cost of CA has been calculated as Rs. 19,07,76,542.00/- only. The revised CA Scheme has been attached in Annexure – I.

5. The scientific names of the faunal species needs to be given against Sl. No. 10 of Site Inspection Report.

The Scientific names of the faunal species are as follows - *Vulpes vulpes*, *Sus scrofa*, *Oryctolagus cuniculus*, *Felis chaus*, *Gallus*. The same may kindly be incorporated in the Site Inspection report.

6. Names of the floral species with their scientific names along with density of vegetation needs to be mentioned against Sl.No.9 of the Site Inspection Report.

The Scientific names of the floral species may kindly be mentioned along with the density of vegetation against Sl.No.9 of the Site Inspection Report from your end please.

7. Against Sl. No. 14 of Site Inspection Report, no of families/People to be displaced needs to be mentioned.

In compliance to the above this is to state that for the instant project 975 families are being displaced as per the R&R Plan, hence the same may kindly be incorporated in the Site inspection report against Sl. No.14 from your end.

8. The position of rare and endangered species of animals, if any available in the applied area, needs to be given against Sl.No.15.

In compliance to the above, the position of rare and endangered species of animals if any available in the applied area may kindly be specified in Sl.No. 15 of the Site Inspection Report from your end.

9. Against Sl. No.16 of the Site Inspection Report, It has not stated as to whether the non-forest land over 160.93 Ha involved in the project has been included in DLC report or not.

In compliance to the above this is to state that as per the land schedule, no non-forest land over an area of 160.93 Ha has been included in DLC report. Hence, it is requested that the same may be incorporated in the Site Inspection Report against Sl.No.16 from your end.

10. Since the present project is the expansion of the earlier Kulda OCP and forest clearance for 227.89 ha of forest land was earlier granted by the GoI, MoEF vide their letter Dtd. 08.08.2007, the status of compliance with the conditions stipulated therein needs to be submitted by the User Agency which has to be duly countersigned by the DFO concerned. Any violation under FC Act, 1980 in respect of the forest land diverted earlier has also to be reported along with action taken report thereof.

The compliance report of the Forest Clearance obtained for the diversion of 227.89 Ha in the existing project area of Kulda OCP has been attached herewith this letter in Annexure-II.
Further, it is to state that there is no violation under FC Act, 1980 in respect of the forest land diverted earlier for the existing project of Kulda OCP.

11. As per R&R Plan, 975 Nos. of Families will be displaced due to the above project. Therefore, the User Agency will have to fulfil the following conditions as per the stipulation issued by the GOI, MoEF vide their letter F.No. 11-9/1998-FC dtd. 04.01.2011:

i) The User Agency shall establish and operate a vocational training institute having capacity to impart training in atleast five disciplines, to be decided by the State Government concerned in consultation with the User Agency, for the benefits of the eligible unemployed youth in the project affected villages. The User Agency should also endeavour to employ such trained employee in their own industry or any other appropriate industry, preferably located in the vicinity of the forest land being diverted; and

In compliance to above, this is to state that a vocational training institute has already been established at Belpahar, which is having a capacity to impart training as per the recommendation for the benefits of the eligible unemployed in the project affected villages. Apart from the above, the unemployed youths are also being trained through reputed agencies & Institutions like CIPAT, IIT Kharagpur etc. It is endeavored that the such trained employees shall be deployed in our industry or any other appropriate industry in the vicinity of the forest land being diverted.

ii) The user agency shall setup an independent Social Welfare Department/Division and follow the subsequent condition of the project affected and the project displaced persons in such a way as to understand their socio-economic conditions before and after the project and take such corrective measures as are necessary to restore them to their original or better-than-original condition.

In compliance to the above, this is to state that there is already a separate dedicated department namely Community Development Department in MCL designated to work for the Social Welfare of the peripheral villages and MCL has always understood the socio-economic conditions of the project affected families and taken corrective measures to restore them to their original or better-than-original condition, by providing direct and indirect employments and by providing amenities for the peripheral village development.

12. It may be reported as to where any court matter is pending in respect of the present project.

In compliance to the above, this is to state that there is no court matter pending with respect to Kulda OCP.

13. All undertakings/maps/Plans furnished by the User Agency must be countersigned by the DFO.

In compliance to above, it is hereby requested that all the undertakings/maps/plans may kindly be countersigned by the DFO, as per the recommendation.

14. A proposed land use plan should be submitted duly countersigned by the DFO.

In compliance to the above, it is hereby requested that as recommended, the proposed land use plan attached in the DP may kindly be countersigned by the DFO.

Encl. As Above.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,



Project Officer,
Kulda OCP,
MCL, Basundhara Area

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1. General Manager (E&F), MCL HQ – For kind information.
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