

PART-II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

State serial No. of proposal : OR-027/2016 Dated 12.04.2016

7.	Location of the Project/ Scheme:	Proposal for diversion of 115.05 ha. of Forest Land for Sukinda Mines (Chromite) of M/s IMFA Ltd.
(i)	State/ Union Territory	ODISHA
(ii)	District	JAJPUR
(iii)	Forest Division.	CUTTACK
(iv)	Area of forestland proposed for diversion (in ha.)	115.05 ha.
(v)	Legal Status of forest	Revenue Forest
(vi)	Density of vegetation.	Eco Class I, below 0.4 (Canopy Coverage)
(vii)	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed)	2530 nos. of trees and 1350 saplings (under 30 cm) have been enumerated and the enumeration list enclosed with the diversion proposal.
(iii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	The proposed area is not vulnerable to erosion and do not form a part of severely eroded area.
(ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	The proposed site is adjoining to Mahagiri DPF and about 2.5 Km from Daitary DPF.
(x)	Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc.(if so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed).	Do not form part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve etc. The Project area proposed for diversion comes within a distance of 8.94 Km from the proposed Tiger corridor in Daitary DPF of Sukinda Range in Jajpur District, Odisha
(xi)	Whether any rare/endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area-if so details thereof.	Fauna- Migratory Elephant , Ratel, Sloth Bear, King Cobra Flora- Sal, Piasal, Sisoo, Kangada.
(xii)	Whether any project archeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	NIL
8.	Whether the requirement of forestland as proposed by the user agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the Mining purpose.
9.	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out) Yes/No. If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	NO

10	Details of Compensatory Afforestation scheme	The Non-Forest land over 72.035 ha. in Village Anjira & 39.356 ha. in Village Panturi under Dharmasal Tehsil in Jajpur District has been identified. The details of land schedule identified for Compensatory Afforestation along with scheme and required map has been enclosed with the Diversion proposal.
(i)	Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	<p>The non-forest land of 111.391 ha. has been identified in two sites under Dharmasala Tehsil Cuttack Forest Division for C.A. as follows :</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Village Anjira</u></p> <p>Patch No.1=27.519 ha.</p> <p>Patch No.2=44.516 ha.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total = 72.035 ha.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Village Panturi</u></p> <p>Patch No.3=39.356 ha.</p> <p>The detail scheme and required map is enclosed with the proposal as Annexure-</p>
(ii)	Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	The map showing Govt. non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation enclosed with the Diversion Proposal.
(iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule , cost structure, etc.	Compensatory Afforestation scheme mentioning all details enclosed with the Diversion Proposal.
(iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	Total financial outlay for the Compensatory Afforestation scheme comes to Rs.2,74,35,593/-.
(v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	Joint verification report regarding suitability of identified non-forest area for compensatory afforestation duly signed by all concerned enclosed with the proposal.
11.	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col.7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	Site inspection Report in the prescribed format is enclosed with the D.P.

12.	Division/ District profile:	Jajpur District
(i)	Geographical area of the district.	2899.00 Sq.Km.
(ii)	Forest area of the district:	725.27 Sq.Km.
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	3651.69 Ha. / 25 no
(iv)	Total Compensatory Afforestation stipulated in the District/ Division since 1980 as on	31.12.2015
	(a)Forest land including penal Compensatory Afforestation.	2452.441 Ha.
	(b)Non-forest land.	2968.013 Ha.
(v)	Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on (data) as on	31.12.2015
	(a)Forest land	2130.239 Ha.
	(b)Non-forest land	2457.862 Ha.
13.	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	<p>Sukinda Mines (Chromite) of M/s IMFA Ltd. is an ongoing mining project for exploitation of chromite ore confined over M.L area of 116.76 ha. comprising forest land 115.05 ha. and non-forest land 1.71 ha. as per Sabik RoR as on 25.10.1980. The mining lease deed with respect to 116.76 have been duly executed and the mining operation is continuing under the provision of MMDR ammendment Act 2015. The User Agency has already paid the N.P.V over 115.05 ha. forest land (as per Sabik RoR i.e as on 25.10.1980) involved in the project. The User Agency has also paid the proportionate cost of wildlife management plan over the M.L area of 116.76 ha. Besides the User Agency has also obtained mandatory clearance like Environment clearance, consent to operate from State Pollution Control Board etc.</p> <p>In view of the above circumstances and as per the guideline dt.10.03.2015 of Govt. of India, MoEF&CC and letter No.5415/F&E dt 30.03.2015 of Govt. of Odisha, the proposal for diversion of 115.05 ha. revenue forest land i.e as on 25.10.1980 as submitted by the User Agency is recommended for approval under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.</p>

Signature



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Place: Cuttack