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Dt.15.09.2023

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division
Koraput

Sub: Diversion of 38.062 ha of forest land(23.153 ha in Koraput Division + 14.909 ha in Raygada Forest Division) for establishment of Aluminum Refinery Plant at Kansariguda by M/s HINDALCO Industries Limited in the district of Koraput and Raygada in Odisha.

Ref: 1. State Govt. letter No.5-ORC568/2023-BHU dated 13.09.2023
2. State Govt. letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0041-2023-9078/FE & CC dated 03.05.2023.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter no 4434. Dtd. 14.09.2023, we are herewith submitting the pointwise compliance as follows:

1. DFO, Koraput has prepared the C.A. Scheme in ANR plantation mode @ 200 plants per hectare over 38.50 ha of non-forest land. Thus total 7,700 seedlings will be planted. For planting the balance 30,800(38,500-7,700) seedlings, DFO, Koraput has prepared the additional C.A. scheme in AR plantation mode @ 1600 plants per hectare over 22.00 ha of degraded forest land leaving the existing vegetation and exposed rocks. The State Govt. may inform about the site suitability of proposed CA area on NFL (38.50ha) from management point of view. Also ascertain its distance from nearest forest boundary.

In compliance to above, it is to inform you that the non-forest land identified in village- Pipalpadar in Laxmipur Tahasil of Koraput District over 38.50 ha for raising compensatory afforestation. The CA land is situated at a distance of 0.3 KM towards East from Bariguma Protected

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Forest and Kutili Protected forest situated towards West at a distance of 0.56 KM. It is pertinent here to mention that non forest land identified over 105.419 ha in village Pipalpadar against Kodingamali Bauxite Mines of OMC Ltd for raising Compensatory Afforestation is situated adjoining to the CA land identified for M/s Hindalco Industries Limited. As both the CA land situated in same village having common boundary to each other (South of CA land of Hindalco and north of OMC), managing plantation activities will be tranquil and hence the site is suitable for raising Compensatory afforestation from the management point of view. A map in SOI topo-sheet showing the location of both the CA land and protected forest is enclosed as **Plate No-I**.

- 2. Agriculture Encroachment is observed in some parts of proposed CA Patch-1 (Pipal Padar) and Un-metalled roads are passing through CA Patch (Pipal Padar) and Patch-2 (Hatimali DPF) (p. 1167/c). This may be clarified by the State Govt. in view of the suitability of CA land.**

In compliance to the above, it is to inform you that there were some temporary agricultural activity in small patch of land prior to identification of CA land. However, during joint verification by Forest & Revenue officials the said area has been dispossessed and there is no encroachment found in the revenue record as well. Now the land is free from any encroachment and encumbrances. The Joint verification report is enclosed for your ready reference. **(Enclosed as Annexure-I)**

Further it is to inform you that there are some road inside the proposed CA land which are basically Go-Rasta (road for cattle , domestic animals & pedestrian) and not recorded as road in the revenue record (**RoR is enclosed as Annexure-II**). As these roads are not recorded in revenue record would be blocked after transfer & mutation in favour of Forest Dept.

In view of above, the land identified for CA is suitable for raising compensatory afforestation.




3. KML file of CA (DFL-22 ha) is not available on Parivesh Portal which may be uploaded.

In compliance to above we are enclosing herewith the soft copy of KML file of Additional CA land **(DFL-22 ha)** in CD form for uploading the same in Parivesh Portal.

In view of the facts explained above, we request your good office to furnish the information on the above observation to IRO, MOEF&CC for further processing of the proposal for which we will be obliged.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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