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From  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)  
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To  
Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)  
Government of India, MoEF & CC  
Integrated Regional Office  
Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Diversion of 69.77 ha of forest land for construction of Khurda Road-Bolangir New B.G. Rail Link Project from Km 238 to 289 Km by East Coast Railway in Bolangir District/ Forest Division and Subarnapur District/ Forest Division out of the total alignment of 289 Km in the State of Odisha-Stage-I Compliance regarding

Ref: GoI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar Letter F. No.5-ORA374/2019-BHU dated 20.08.2019

Sir,

With reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar have accorded Stage-I approval vide their Letter F. No.5-ORA374/2019-BHU dated 20.08.2019 for diversion of 69.77 ha of forest land for construction of Khurda Road-Bolangir New B.G. Rail Link Project from Km 238 to 289 Km by East Coast Railway in Bolangir District/ Forest Division and Subarnapur District/ Forest Division out of the total alignment of 289 Km in the State of Odisha subject to fulfilment of 21 (Twenty one) nos. of conditions stipulated there in. The User Agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar as well as five (5) nos. of additional conditions imposed by the State Government. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of the DFO, Bolangir & Subarnapur Forest Division and RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle are as follows:-

**Condition No. (i): Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.**

In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO Balangir Forest Division that the legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged which is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.



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Condition No. (ii) : *Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 150 ha degraded forest land indentified in Matkhai RF (100 ha) and in Bonda-Kallijharan RF(50 ha) in Bolangir Forest Division at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 150 ha degraded forest land indentified in Matkhai RF (100 ha) and in Bonda-Kallijharan RF(50 ha) in Bolangir Forest Division at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species will be avoided. In this regard, the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO Bolangir Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-B**.

Condition No. (iii) : *The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and at the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that Compensatory afforestation scheme approved by the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha at the wage rate of Rs.286.30 per manday with 10 years maintenance has already been deposited a sum of Rs.1,20,95,000/- by the User Agency deposited through NEFT vide UTR No.SBIN5200032865306 dt.02.03.2020. Further, the User Agency has deposited the differential cost of CA due to revision of wage rate amounting to Rs.7,92,800/- in ORISSA CAMPA account No.150825929907123 at Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi vide on 16.12.2020. The User Agency has also deposited differential cost of Rs.32,45,600/- approved at the wage rate of Rs.315/- on 18.04.2022. The copy of demand letters by DFO, Subarnapur and Bolangir Division and the payment details in PARIVESH portal is enclosed as **Annexure-C-1, C-2 and C-3 series**.

Condition No. (iv): *The State Govt. shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for 69.77 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No.5 2/2006-FC dated 03.10.2006 and No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that Revenue forest area involved in this project is 7.76 ha comes within the jurisdiction of Bolangir Forest Division. The DFO Bolangir Forest Division vide his letter No.5059 dated 25.11.2019 (Copy enclosed as **Annexure D-1**) has raised demand on user agency to deposit a sum of Rs.48,61,516/- towards the cost of NPV through e-portal of MoEF & CC. Similarly



DFO Subarnapur Forest Division vide his letter No.363 dated 22.01.2020 (Copy enclosed as Annexure(D-2) has raised demand on user agency to deposit a sum of Rs.4,97,89,212/- towards the cost of NPV against 62.004ha of forest land. The details calculation of NPV is mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	Division	Forest Area (in ha)	Eco-Value Class	Canopy Density	Rate of NPV (in Rs.)	Amount of NPV (in Rs.)
1.	Bolangir	7.766	III	Open Forest Below 0.4	6,26,000/-	48,61,516/-
2	Subarnpur	62.004	III	0.4	8,03,000/-	4,97,89,212/-
	Total					5,46,50,728/-

The User Agency has deposited a sum of Rs. 66745728/- which includes Rs.54650728/- towards the cost of NPV through RTGS in the account of Adhoc-CAMPA on 02.03.2020 in ORISSA CAMPA Account No.1 of Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The copy of the Challan and web portal payment receipt in support of the payment is enclosed as Annexure-D-3&D-4.

**Condition No. (v):** Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due the finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Govt, from the user agency. user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO Balangir Forest Division that additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due the finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Govt, from the user agency which is enclosed as Annexure-E.

**Condition No. (vi):** All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall transferred deposited to State CAMPA fund only through (<https://rativesh.nic.in>).

In compliance to the above, all the funds received from the User Agency have been transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA through Bank Draft/ RTGS and online portal of Ad-hoc CAMPA Account. The details of the following amounts deposited by the user agency is furnished below:-

Sl. No.	Type of deposit {NPV/CA/IWMP Others (specify)}	Whether by RTGS/B D/DD/NE FT (Specify)	UTR/DD No./BD No.	Amount deposited (Rs.)	Date of deposit	Name of Bank from which amount transferred to account CAF	Bank Account of CAF managed by CAMPA in which fund deposited	Deposited with
1.	CA	Online	UTR No.SBIN52000 32865306	1,20,95,000/-	02.03.2020	SBI	Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi	Adhoc-CAMPA



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		Online		7,92,800/-	11.12.2020		Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi	Adhoc-CAMPA
		Online		32,45,600/-	18.04.2022		Union Bank of India	Adhoc-CAMPA
2.	NPV	Online		5,46,50,728/-	02.03.2020		Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi	Adhoc-CAMPA
3	SSWLCP	Online		10,69,22,000/-	24.02.2021		Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi	Adhoc-CAMPA
4	Penal NPV	Online		1544990/-	15.03.2022		Union Bank of India	Adhoc-CAMPA

The details of the funds deposited by the user agency duly countersigned by the DFO, Bolangir / Subarnapur Forest Division and CCF (FD & NO, FC Act) in prescribed format is enclosed as **Annexure-F-1&F-2** respectively.

**Condition No. (vii):** *The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted the FRA Certificate (Form-I) issued by Collector, Bolangir and Subarnapur are enclosed as **Annexure-G-1& G-2** respectively.

**Condition No. (viii):** *Speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Area.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir Division that speed regulating signage will be erected along the railway line at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Area which is enclosed as **Annexure-H**.

**Condition No. (ix):** *The user agency shall provide suitable under/over passes in Protected Area/Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the user agency shall provide suitable under/over passes in Protected Area/Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW. In this regard, the User Agency has furnished the copy of



SSWLCP along with interventions (Passage Plan) approved by PCCF(WL)& CWLW, Odisha Bhubaneswar for Subarnapur and Bolangir Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-I** respectively. 1159

**Condition No. (x):** *The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.*

In compliance to the above the RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that both the DFOs Subarnapur and Bolangir vide their Memo No.6114 dt.29.12.2021 and Memo No.7226 dt.13.12.2021 respectively have submitted that as it is a linear project, the Environment Clearance as per provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, is not applicable.

**Condition No. (xi):** *The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir and DFO, Subarnapur Forest Division that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government which is enclosed as **Annexure-J-1 & J-2** respectively.

**Condition No. (xii):** *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Bolangir Forest Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land which is enclosed as **Annexure-K**.

**Condition No. (xiii):** *Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir Forest Division that sufficient fuel will be supplied to the labourer (such as LPG or alternative fuel) working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and ensure no use of fuel wood which is enclosed as **Annexure-L**.

**Condition No. (xiv):** *The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has demarcated the proposed forest land for diversion and erected four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars each inscribed with its serial number, DGPS co-ordinates, distance from adjoining pillars along the boundary of the forest land proposed to be diverted as per the direction of the DFOs. In this regard, the User Agency has enclosed the composite DGPS survey report along with co-ordinates and furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-M**.



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**Condition No. (xv):** No additional or new path will be constructed the forest area for of construction materials for execution of the project work.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir and DFO, Subarnapur Forest Division that no additional or new path will be constructed in the forest area for construction materials for execution of the project work which is enclosed as **Annexure-N-1&N-2** respectively.

**Condition No. (xvi):** The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir and Subarnapur Forest Division that the period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less which is enclosed as **Annexure-O-1&O-2** respectively.

**Condition No. (xvii) :** The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir and Subarnapur Forest Division that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal which is enclosed as **Annexure-P-1&P-2** respectively.

**Condition No. (xviii):** The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of the Government of India.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir and Subarnapur Forest Division that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of the Government of India which is enclosed as **Annexure-Q-1&Q-2** respectively.

**Condition No. (xix) :** As reported by the State Govt, work has commenced on the forest land without prior approval of the Central Govt. under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and shall be dealt with the MOEF&CC Guideline F. No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29.01.2018 as may be applicable.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the Project shall be dealt with the MOEF&CC Guideline F. No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29.01.2018 as may be applicable. As per section 1.21(ii) of Hand book of FC Act. and Rule guide line and clarification 2019 of MoEF&CC, the UA has paid the Penal NPV of Rs.15,44,990/- as



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demanded by DFO, Bolangir on 15.03.2022. The demand letter, Challan of UBI and web portal confirmation attached as **Annexure-D-5, D-6 & D-7**.

In this regard, the User Agency has also furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir and Subarnapur Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-R-1 & R-2** respectively.

***Condition No. (xx) : Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.***

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by DFO, Bolangir and Subarnapur Forest Division that any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife which is enclosed as **Annexure-S-1 & S-2** respectively.

***Condition No. (xxi): The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in>).***

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has uploaded the compliance report on e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in>).

**The State Government, F&E Department, Odisha has imposed six additional conditions vide letter No. 10F (Cons) 15/19-16909/F&E dtd. 04.09.2019.**

- ***Trees shall be felled only when it is absolutely essential for the purpose of the project in a phased manner with prior permission of DFOs of Bolangir and Subarnapur Division. User Agency shall take up avenue plantation on either side of alignment of the track at its own cost in consultation with the Divisional Officers to ensure better ecology and environment of the area.***

In compliance to the above, the DFO, Subarnapur Division has reported that the User Agency has agreed to fell the trees as per requirement.

They have ready to take up avenue plantation on either side of alignment of the track at its own cost to ensure better ecology and environment of the area. On request of UA, the DFO, Balangir Forest Division has prepared the scheme of Avenue Plantation for the entire stretch ie. 238-289 km as per the present cost norm for Rs.8,16,12,138.00 (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-Addl-1series**).

- ***Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for this project shall be prepared by the user agency as per guidelines of CWLW, Odisha and also taking note of stipulations of Wildlife Institute of India and it shall be approved by the CWLW, Odisha for implementation at project cost.***

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha vide their letter No.222/7WL-FD & WLC-127/2020 dt.08.01.2021. The approved cost of the same has been deposited by the User



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Agency vide Challan dt.17.02.2021 (Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan and Challan copy enclosed as **Annexure-Addl-2 series**.

- *Detailed schedule of forest land to be diverted in Bolangir Division duly authenticated by Tahasildar concerned shall be furnished.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the copy of forest land of the project area authenticated by Tahasildar Bolangir and Subarnapur marked as **Annexure-Addl-3 series**.

- *Length of rail line if this section passing through Bolangir and Subarnapur Division with specific reference to Revenue/ Reserved Forest patches in both Divisions shall be intimated.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the length of Rail way line in different category forest area is as follows—

SL.No	Name of Forest Division	Reserve Forest (Length in KM)	Revenue Forest (Length in KM)	Total Length in KM
1	Bolangir	0.000	1.935	1.935
2	Subarnapur	5.713	1.072	6.785
Total		5.713	3.007	8.720

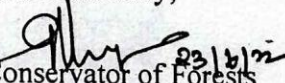
- *Maps indicated at Plate 1 (A), 1 (B), 1 (C), Plate-4, Plate-22, Plate-22 (A), 22 (B), 22 (C) duly authenticated by the DFO concerned shall be furnished.*

In compliance to the above, the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that *Plate 1 (A), 1 (B), 1 (C), Plate-4, Plate-22, Plate-22 (A), 22 (B), 22 (C)* are the identical maps used for alternate route study for Bolangir and Subarnapur division respectively. The User Agency has furnished the Maps ie. *Plate-22, Plate-22 (A), 22 (B), 22 (C)* with proper authentication by DFO Subarnapur Division which are enclosed with the compliance report.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar as well as the State Government is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 69.77 ha of forest land for construction of Khurda Road-Bolangir New B.G. Rail Link Project from Km 238 to 289 Km by East Coast Railway in Bolangir District/ Forest Division and Subarnapur District/ Forest Division out of the total alignment of 289 Km in the State of Odisha.

**Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set**

Yours faithfully,

  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act



Memo No.

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/Dt. 24-08-2022

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forwarded to the The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC), Government of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003 for information and necessary with reference to GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi Letter F. No. 8-27/2016-FC dated 05.04.2019.

Chief Conservator of Forests

Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No.

12584

/Dt. 24-08-2022

Copy along with one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to F&E Department Letter No. 8235/F&E dated 26.04.2019.

**Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set**

Chief Conservator of Forests

Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No.

12585

/Dt. 24-08-2022

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 649 dated 25.02.2022.

Chief Conservator of Forests

Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No.

12586

/Dt. 24-08-2022

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Balangir/ Subarnapur Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 650 dated 25.02.2022 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

Chief Conservator of Forests

Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No.

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Dt. 24-08-2022

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Chief Engineer (Cons), East Coast Railway, Balangir for information and necessary action.

Chief Conservator of Forests

Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act