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From

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

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub:- Diversion of 2.622 ha of forest land for construction of 4-lane carriageway road with service road of Belpahar bypass from 0/00 Km to 2/971 Km under Jharsuguda Forest Division in the District of Jharsuguda by the Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Jharsuguda, Odisha – Stage-I compliance regarding

Ref-: Letter No.5-ORB479/2022-BHU dated 17.03.2022 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide Order No. 5-ORB479/2022-BHU dated 17.03.2022 for diversion of 2.622 ha of forest land for construction of 4-lane carriageway road with service road of Belpahar bypass from 0/00 Km to 2/971 Km in the District of Jharsuguda by the Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Jharsuguda, Odisha under DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division subject to fulfilment of 10 (ten) nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 20 (twenty) nos. of conditions after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the forest department stipulated therein. The point wise compliance basing on the report of the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest division and RCCF, Sambalpur Circle are as follows:-

A: Condition which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

Condition No. (i): The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 2.622 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of Hon'ble supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No .5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the UA has deposited Rs.25,11,299/- towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) for diversion of 2.622 ha. of forest land in the CAMPA Account through RTGS (online transfer by IFMS, Odisha Treasury portal) vide Cheque No.14805, dt.11.04.2022. The copy of said demand letter & deposit receipts is enclosed as Annexure-A&B respectively.

Condition No. (ii): The identified degraded revenue forest land of 5.664 ha for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the identified degraded revenue forest land of 5.664ha. for raising compensatory afforestation has already been transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and subsequently the above identified degraded revenue forest land has been declared as Protected Forest vide Notification No.FE-DIV-FLD-0138-2021-21274/FE7CC, Date.10.10.2023 by the FE and CC Department Govt. of Odisha. The said copy is enclosed as Annexure-C&D respectively.

<u>Condition No. (iii):</u> The land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation have been depicted on Survey of India Topo Sheet No.F45M5 & No.F44R9of 1: 50,000 scale. The said map is enclosed as *Annexure-E*.

<u>Condition No. (iv):</u> The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA areas with all requisite details to be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details.

<u>Condition No. (y):</u> The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.



Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that Rs.15,33,800/- has been deposited by the UA towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA Account through RTGS (online transfer by IFMS, Odisha Treasury portal) vide Cheque No.14805,dt.11.04.2022 (The copy of said demand letter, approved CA financial outlay & deposit receipt is enclosed as Annexure-F,G & H respectively.

Further, the wage rate has been revised from @315/- to @333 /- per/MD. In this regards the UA has deposited Rs.2,07,100/- towards the cost of differential amount to accommodate the differential cost in the CAMPA Account through RTGS vide UTR No.SBINR52022122322316967 on dt.23.12.2022. The copy of said demand letter, revised approved CA financial outlay and deposit receipt is enclosed as **Annexure-I**, J & K respectively.

<u>Condition No. (vi):</u> All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that all funds already been deposited by the UA in the CAMPA Account through e- portal (<a href="https://parivesh.nic.in">https://parivesh.nic.in</a>), the details is furnished below:

SI No.	Cond. No.	Name of the Activities	Mode of payment	Cheque or UTR No.& date.	Amount deposited (Rs.)	Date of transaction	Name of Bank from which amount transferred to account of CAF.		Reference Ann. No.
I	2.A(i)	NPV	RTGS	No.14805 dt.11.04.2 022	2511299.0	12.04.2022	Online transfer by IFMS, Odisha Treasury portal.	ORISSA CAMPA Saving Bank Account No. CAMPAOR6152400 294 maintained in Union Bank of India Branch,52, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi-110003	Ann.B
2	2.A(v)	CA	RTGS	No14805 dt. dt.11.04.2 022	1533800.0 0	12.04.2022	Online transfer by IFMS, Odisha Treasury portal.	ORISSA CAMPA Saving Bank Account No. CAMPAOR6152400 294 maintained in Union Bank of India Branch,52, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi-110003	Ann.H
3		Differenti al amount of CA due to revision of wages rate @ 333/- per/MD.	RTGS	SBINR52 02212232 2316967	207100.00	23.12.2022	State Bank of India, Jharsuguda Main Branch.	ORISSA CAMPA Saving Bank Account No. CAMPAOR6152400 039 maintained in Union Bank of India Branch,52, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi-110003	Ann.K

The statement of funds deposited by the user agency in prescribed CAMPA format duly signed by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & Nodal Officer, FC Act) is enclosed as <u>Annexure L-I</u>.

Condition No. (vii): The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the User Agency has already been deposited Rs.21, 74,142/- towards the cost of removal of 426 nos of trees to the OFDC Ltd., Jharsuguda (C-KL) Division as demanded by the Divisional Manager, OFDC Ltd, Jharsuguda (C-KL) Division vide his letter No.1192 dt.06.05.2022, the copy of said demand letter, estimate and payment details is enclosed as Annexure-L, M & N respectively.

<u>Condition No. (viii)</u>: The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submit an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division that the compliance report of Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a>) in due time, which is enclosed as Annexure-O.

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

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the Certificate issued by the Collector & District Magistrate, Jharsuguda under Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is enclosed as Annexure -P.

<u>Condition No. (x)</u>: The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the boundary of the proposed forest area already been demarcated on the ground at the project cost and erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates. Further, the UA has furnished an undertaking in this regard is enclosed as Annexure-R.

2. B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.

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



**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose which is enclosed as **Annexure-S.** 

Condition No. (ii): Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 5.664 ha of degraded revenue forest land identified in Plot No.5200 (P), Khata No.1269 (Anabadi) and Plot No.5254 (P), Khata No.1267 (Rakhita) of village Belpahar under LakhanpurTahasil of JharsugudaDistrict within three years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency. The species to be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species (same species felled as far as possible) avoiding Teak and exotic species. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 5.664 ha of degraded revenue forest land identified in Plot No.5200 (P), Khata No.1269 (Anabadi) and Plot No.5254 (P), Khata No.1267 (Rakhita) of village Belpahar under LakhanpurTahasil of JharsugudaDistrict within three years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency. The species to be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species (same species felled as far as possible) avoiding Teak and exotic species. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation will be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.

Further, an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as **Annexure-S-I**.

<u>Condition No. (iii)</u>: At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as Annexure-T.

<u>Condition No. (iv)</u>: The user agency shall carry out road side plantation on both sides of road in the entire project area as per IRC norms.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as Annexure- U.

<u>Condition No. (v)</u>: The user agency shall use fly ash for the road construction and for filling up of void Created due to soil borrows which will be followed by compaction and spreading of top soil over it as per Fly Ash Notification No. S.O. 254 (E) dated 25.01.2016.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

<u>Condition No. (vi)</u>: The user agency shall submit an undertaking to ensure that flanks of roads should be filled by transported soil and not with soil dug from the side of the roads.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure-W*.

Condition No. (vii): The designing of new culverts/bridges and redesigning the existing ones over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging and does not hamper movement of wild animals including fishes & amphibians migration.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure-X*.

<u>Condition No. (viii)</u>: Speed regulating signages will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure-Y*.

<u>Condition No. (ix)</u>: The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure- Z*.

<u>Condition No. (x)</u>: No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the use agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure- A-I*.

<u>Condition No. (xi)</u>: No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure-B-I*.

Condition No. (xii): The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or amage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure- C-I*.

Condition No. (xiii): The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure- D-I*.

<u>Condition No. (xiv)</u>: The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as **Annexure-** E-I.

<u>Condition No. (xv)</u>: The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as **Annexure-** F-I.

Condition No. (xvi): No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure- G-I*.

<u>Condition No. (xvii)</u>: The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that It is ensured that the DFO, Jharsuguda as well as local field official will monitor & take necessary mitigative measures to ensure as there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding areas.

Further, an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division is enclosed as Annexure-G-II.



<u>Condition No. (xviii)</u>: The user agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure- H-I*.

<u>Condition No. (xix)</u>: Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure-I-I*.

<u>Condition No. (xx)</u>: The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as *Annexure- J-I*.

<u>Condition No. (3)</u>: Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated.28.03.2019.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for the above purpose is enclosed as (Annexure- K-I).

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.622 ha of forest land for construction of 4-lane carriageway road with service road of Belpahar bypass from 0/00 Km to 2/971 Km in the District of Jharsuguda by the Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Jharsuguda, Odisha under DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 24412 /Dt. 14.12.2023

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Order No.5-ORB479/2022-BHU dt.17.03.2022 of GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar and Letter No. 6085/FE&CC dated 29.03.2022 of the OSD-cum-Special Secy. to Govt., Govt. of Odisha, F, E& CC Department.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 24413

/Dt. 14:12.2023

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 2686 dated 14.11.2023.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

24414

/Dt. 14.12.2023

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Jharsuguda Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 2687 dated 14.11.2023 of RCCF, Sambalpur Circle.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

24415

/Dt.

14.12.2023

Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Jharsuguda (R&B) Division, Near BSNL office, Po/Dist- Jharsuguda, Pin-768202, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests 3 (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FO Act)