

File No. 5-ORB632/2024-BHU

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per e-sign

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for seeking *ex-post facto* approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.890 ha (map area 0.894 ha) Revenue forest land for establishment of Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management, Baripada in Baripada Forest Division in the District of Mayurbhanj- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to the Govt. of Odisha letter No.21856/9(F) (School)-392/2022 dated 29th October, 2025 on the above mentioned proposal forwarded by Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for seeking *ex-post facto* approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that after examination of the proposal the following shortcomings have been observed:-

- i. (i) As per Site Inspection Report by the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, the User Agency has also submitted two contiguous proposals for educational purposes (Proposal Nos. FP/OR/SCH/441990/2023 and FP/OR/SCH/441973/2023). Each proposal involves less than 1 ha of forest land and as outlined in SIR, qualifies for exemption from the requirement to submit non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. In view of this, the present proposal may be treated as part of a composite project and assessed cumulatively for determining the Compensatory Afforestation obligation. The State Government shall submit the comments in this regard. The State Government shall also submit the CA Scheme alongwith necessary attributes i.e. Suitability certificate, KML files etc.
- (ii) The State Government shall submit the details of action taken for violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in accordance with Sections 3A and 3B of the Act, and paragraph 1.16(ii)

(a), (b), and (d) of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the allied rules.

(iii) The component wise KML file is not available. The State Government shall provide the component wise KML file .

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit information/documents as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Prashant Rajagopal)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.