

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

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To,

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 157.702 h of DLC forest land including 5.660 ha of DLC forest land in safety zone in mouza Humuri Bana, Agasti Nuagaon and Arjipalli within total ML area of 2464.054 ha under Chhatrapur Tahasil of Ganjam District, Odisha in favour of Indian Rare Earths Ltd, Orissa Sand Complex (OSCOM) for mining and separation of heavy minerals like Ilmenite, Rutile, Zircon, Sillimanite, Garnet and Monazite from beach sand - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter no.6781/9F (MG)-334/2012 dated 23.03.2022 on above subject forwarding a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 18.10.2018 and to say that examination of the said compliance report in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. The KML files of CA land, diverted forest land, SMC works area, WLMP area etc. need to be uploaded on e- green watch portal with all requisite details.
- ii. KML files of the degraded forest land identified for afforestation of 93702 trees have not been submitted along with compliance, the same needs to be submitted. Similarly, KML/Shape files of the degraded forest land (DFL) 36.340 ha identified for afforestation in lieu of enrichment plantation of safety zone and of degraded forest land identified to the extent of 1.5 times safety zone for afforestation, have not been submitted along with the compliance. The same needs to be submitted alongwith relevant attributes/suitability to enable the Ministry to undertake future monitoring of the area.
- iii. In compliance to condition no. (iii) of Stage-I approval a plan containing conservation measures, as envisaged in the PCCF (WL) & CWLW letter dated 11.05.2012 has not been submitted along with the compliance report. The same needs to be submitted along with the detail of compensatory levies to be realized and deposited into the account of CAMPA for the implementation of such conservation measures.
- iv. Copy of approved R&R Plan, as envisaged in condition no. (v) of Stage-I approval has not been submitted along with compliance report. The same

needs to be submitted by the State.

- v. In compliance to condition no. (vii) of Stage-I approval, as evident from the justification given by State that DFO concerned has initially informed the involvement of DLC land in the lease area in the year 2010, therefore justification for not considering the period from 2010 to 2018 lapsed during initial communication by the DFO and till submission of the proposal by the State to Ministry violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 needs to be furnished by the State.
- vi. From the perusal of payment of compensatory levies, it is observed that an amount of Rs. 37,94,332/- and Rs. 14,29,15,132/- have been realized from the user agency towards the cost of Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan and Regional Wildlife Management Plan. No such condition was stipulated in the Stage-I approval. Moreover, Conservation Plan/measures, for Olive Ridley turtles, as envisaged in condition no. (iii) of Stage-I approval has not been submitted. Therefore, justification for realizing monies beyond the scope of Stage-I approval needs to be furnished by the State along with approved copies of Site Specific and Regional Wildlife Management Plan.
- vii. National Authority (CAMP) vide their letter No. NA-1-26/2017-CAMP dated 25.04.2022 (copy enclosed) informed not receipt of Rs. 37,94,332.00 (UTR No. SNINR52015052215290250 dated 22.05.2015) and Rs. Rs. 9,87,21,452/- (NPV Payment). Therefore, exact detail of particulars may be furnished in the format prescribed to enable the NA (CAMP) to furnish a remittance report of receipt of said compensatory levies.

In view of above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File