

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated:25-08-2025

To

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Dept. of Water Resources for non-forestry use of 341.23 ha of forest land in the Bolamgir Forest division under Bolangir District, Odisha for construction of Upper Lanth Medium Irrigation Project (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/IRRIG/25941/2017)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0065-2022-15016 dated 21.06.2025 on the above mentioned subject wherein the Ministry had already granted final approval vide letter of even no. dated 27.11.2023 subject to the specific condition no. (ix) as under:

"The State Government shall ensure that the R&R plan shall be prepared in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India and implemented before handing over the forest land to the User Agency. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/ Regional Office of MoEF&CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones,"

2. After the careful examination of the matter the condition no. (ix) of the final approval letter dated 23.11.2023 is hereby modified in the following manner:

(ix) The State Government shall implement the R&R plan as per the R&R Policy of the State Government in consonance with the National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/ Regional Office of MoEF&CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones.

Yours sincerely,

**Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

Copy to:

1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. DDGF (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.