

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

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**Dated: 16th September, 2022.**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 159.895 ha of forest land for construction of Chheligada Medium Irrigation project in R. Udayagiri Block of Gajapati district – Stage-I compliance regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Odisha's letter no. 12547/9F (Irrig.) -308/2013 dated 24.06.2022, on the above subject forwarding a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 17.10.2002. The examination of said compliance report in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. KML/shape files of the area proposed for diversion as well as area identified for raising CA, derived from the DGPS surveys, have not been submitted along with the compliance report. The same needs to be submitted by the State.
- ii. Stage-I approval seems to have been granted for an area of 159.895 ha while the NPV has been realized only for 139.391 ha of forest land. A clarification in this regard needs to be furnished on the State.
- iii. An amount of Rs. 10,10,06,700/- has been reported to be deposited by the user agency in the account of CAMPA. However, examination of payments details available on e-payment portal revealed that an amount of Rs. 9,13,19,207/- only has been deposited into the account of CAMPA. The differential amount of Rs. 96,87,493/- may also be deposited into the account of CAMPA.
- iv. It is informed by the State that R&R Plan is under implementation. Updated status of progress made so far in the implementation of the R&R plan needs to be informed by the State.
- v. Examination of the proceedings of the District Level Committee dated 18.12.2020 revealed that Committee has directed the user agency to complete the process of settlement of rights, including the resolution of Gram Sabha, in respect of forest land proposed for diversion. The State Government therefore, needs to confirm if the process of settlement of rights as per the observations of the District Level Committee has been completed by the user agency and accordingly furnish supporting documents, including the updated certificate of District Collector for the entire area of 159.895 ha.
- vi. Chronological details of events occurred from the date of grant of Stage-I approval till the submission of compliance report may also be furnished by the State.
- vii. The State Government has also provided details of the *kisam* of land (Land schedule) as on 25.10.1980; however, it has not been concluded whether out of

the total land schedule certified whether application has been made for diversion of the entire forest land, as per 12.12.1996 Judgement of Hon'ble Supreme lands. The same needs to be confirmed by the State.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit information/documents/comments, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

The original file pertaining to the instant proposal is not traceable in the Ministry. The State Government is, therefore, requested to provide a copy of proposal and correspondences held in the matter between the Ministry and the State Government, including copy of Stage-I approval, to reconstruct the file in the MoEF&CC.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**(Charan Jeet Singh)**

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**Copy to:**

1. PCCF, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office (Eastern Zone), MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC
6. Guard File