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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 14.928 ha of forest land for construction of Sono Barrage Project near village Jaida of Gopabandhu Nagar Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District, Odisha within the jurisdiction of Balasore (WL) and Baripada Forest Division by the Executive Engineer, Mayurbhanj Investigation Division, Udala.

Ref:- Letter No.5-ORC307/2017-BHU dated 04.08.2017 of the Conservator of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Officer, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar have accorded Stage-I approval vide their Letter No.5-ORC307/2017-BHU dated 04.08.2017 for diversion of 14.928 ha of forest land (2.654 ha in Balasore (WL) division and 12.274 ha in Baripada Forest Division) for construction of Sono Barrage Project near village Jaida of Gopabandhu Nagar Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District, Odisha subject to fulfillment of twenty five(25) Nos of condition stipulated therein. Further the Govt of Odisha in FE & CC Department have imposed one No. of additional condition. The user agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Govt of India, MoEF &CC RO, Bhubaneswar as well as State Government. In this regard the point wise compliances are furnished below.

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

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs that, the legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged, which are enclosed as **Annexure-1 Series**.

Condition No.(ii):- The State Govt. shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest area proposed to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition(Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/ 2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard. While conveying the compliance of this condition, mention be made of the Eco-class and density of forest for which NPV has been charged.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited Rs.1,32,91,014/- towards NPV pertaining to 12.274 ha forest land proposed to be diverted in Baripada Forest Division and Rs.25,41,948/- towards NPV pertaining to 2.654 ha forest land proposed to be diverted in Balasore (WL) Division.

The details is furnished below.

NPV Baripada Division

Name of the Division	Forest Area (in ha)	Density	Eco-Value Class	Rate of NPV per ha (in Rs.)	NPV amount (in Rs.)
Baripada	6.605	0.1	III	6,26,000	41,34,730
	5.669	0.5	III	8,03,000	45,52,207
Total	12.274				86,86,937
NPV in the revised Rate	6.605	0.1	III	9,57,780	63,26,137
	5.669	0.5	III	12,28,590	69,64,877
Total	12.274				1,32,91,014
Differential NPV					46,04,077

(A) NPV Balasore (WL) Division

Name of the Division	Forest Area (in ha)	Density	Eco-Value Class	Rate of NPV per ha (in Rs.)	NPV amount (in Rs.)
Balasore (WL)	2.654	Below 0.4	III	6,26,000	16,61,404
NPV in the revised Rate	2.654	Below 0.4	III	9,57,780	25,41,948
Differential NPV					8,80,544

The user agency has deposited Rs 5,86,39,841/- on 29.03.2018 in the State specific CAMPA Account No. 150825712731356 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi online through Parivesh portal which includes NPV of Rs. 1,03,48,341/- (Rs.86,86,937 for Baripada division +Rs.16,61,404/- for Balasore WL division).

The UA has deposited Rs.8,80,544/- on 19.12.2023 towards differential NPV of Balasore (WL) division in Account No 150825712731567 in Union Bank of India, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru online through Parivesh portal. The UA has also deposited Rs.46,04,077/- on 29.07.2024 towards differential NPV of Baripada division in Account No 150825712731546 in Union Bank of India, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru online through Parivesh portal

The copies of the demand notices, payment receipts of the above amounts and the status of payment downloaded from Parivesh portal are enclosed at **Annexure-2 Series**.

Condition No.(iii):- At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present 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, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by concerned DFOs to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, which is enclosed as **Annexure-3**.

Condition No.(iv):- Compensatory afforestation over 14.97 ha. of non-forest identified in Plot No.38, Khata No.315 of village Daundi under Gopabandhu Nagar Tahasil of Baripada Forest Division and Plot No.357, 539 & 401, Khata No.152 of village Gohira under Jamada Tahasil of Rairangpur Forest Division against the area of forest land proposed to be diverted shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to above, FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act.), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha has approved the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme with maintenance of 10 years at the wage rate of Rs.450/- MD vide his memo No.18076 dated 05.09.2024 as per details given below.

Division	Mouza	Tahasil	Area	Amount Approved
Baripada	Daundia	Gopabandhu Nagar	6.07Ha.	Rs.52,90,400.00
Rairangpur	Gohira	Jamda	8.90Ha.	Rs.85,86,400.00

The user Agency has deposited the above amount in three spells.

Initially, the CA schemes over 8.90 ha and over 6.07 ha has been approved for Rs. 30,28,900/- and Rs. 17,89,600/- respectively (total of Rs.48,18,500/-) at the wage rate of Rs. 200/- MD. The UA has deposited a sum of Rs 5,86,39,841/- on 29.03.2018 in the State specific CAMPA Account No150825712731356 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi online through Parivesh portal which includes Rs.48,18,500/- towards cost of CA.

- Due to enhancement of wage rate both the CA schemes have been revised at the wage rate of Rs.308/- MD amounting to total of **Rs.52,82,300/-** (Rs.32,83,000/- for 8.90 ha and Rs.19,99,300/- for 6.07 ha).The user agency has deposited Rs.4,63,800/- towards differential cost of CA (Rs.5282300/- - Rs.48,18,500/-) on 08.03.2022. The UA has deposited a sum of **Rs 1,50,00,000/- on 08.03.2022** in the State specific CAMPA Account No. **150825712731830** in Union Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi online through Parivesh portal which includes differential cost of CA of **Rs.4,63,800/-**.
- Due to enhancement of wage rate the said scheme has again revised at the wage rate of Rs.450/- MD amounting to total of **Rs.1,38,76,800/-** (Rs.85,86,400/- for 8.90 ha and Rs.52,90,400/- for 6.07 ha). The user agency has deposited Rs. 85,94,500/- towards differential cost of CA (Rs.1,38,76,800/- -Rs.52,82,300/-) on 01.11.2024. The UA has deposited a sum of **Rs 8,66,29,000/- on 01.11.2024** in the State specific CAMPA Account No. **150825712731658** in Union Bank, FCS Centre, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru online through Parivesh portal which includes differential cost of CA of **Rs.85,94,500/-**.

The financial outlay of CA schemes @ Rs. 450/- MD, the copies of the demand notices, the copy of payment receipts of the above amounts and the status of payment downloaded from Parivesh portal are enclosed as **Annexure-4 Series**.

Condition No.(v):- *The non-forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of Stage-II approval.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the Tahasildar, Gopabandhu Nagar Tahasil has mutated and transferred the following non-forest land in favour of Government of Odisha, Forest and Environment Department..

Tahasil	Mouza	Plot No.	Khata No.	Area (in Ha.)	Kissam	Mutated in favour of Deptt.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gopabandhu Nagar	Daundia	38/1160	318	6.07Ha.	Patita	Government of Odisha, Forest and Environment Department

Similarly, the Tahasildar, Jamda Tahasil has mutated and transferred following non-forest land in favour of Government of Odisha, Forest and Environment Department.

Tahasil	Mouza	Plot No.	Khata No.	Area (in Ha.)	Kissam	Mutated in favour of Deptt.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jamda	Gohira	357/1095	155	4.581Ha.	Patita	Government of Odisha, Forest and Environment Department
		401		0.4249Ha.	Patita	
		539/1096		3.8971Ha.	Patita	
	Total:			8.9030Ha.		

Copies of RoR of both the sites are enclosed as **Annexure-5 series.**

Condition No.(vi):- *The non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act,1927, or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal Offices must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under section-4 or section-29 of the Forest Act,1927, or under the relevant section of the local Forest Act as the case may be, to this Ministry for information and record.*

Compliance: In compliance to above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that, the non-forest CA land over 6.07 Ha. in Mouza-Daundia, Tahasil-Gopabandhu Nagar, District- Mayurbhanj which is transferred and mutated in favour of Forest & Environment Department, has been declared as **“Daundia Protected Forest”** under Section-33 of Odisha Forest Act,1972 vide Notification No.FE-DIV-FLD-0068-2024(10F-(Cons)-286/2016-56/FE&CC, Dated-01.01.2025 of Government of Odisha, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department.

Similarly, the non-forest CA land over 8.903Ha. in Mouza-Gohira, Tahasil-Jamda, District-Mayurbhanj which is transferred and mutated in favour of Forest & Environment Department, has been declared as **“Gohira Protected Forest”** Forest under Section-33 of Odisha Forest Act,1972 vide Notification No.FE-DIV-FLD-0068-2024(10F-(Cons)-286/2016)-49/FE&CC, Dated-01.01.2025 of Government of Odisha, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department.

Copies of the Notifications of FE& CC Department are enclosed at **Annexure-6 Series.**

Condition No.(vii):- *The User agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation for 10 years, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to above, FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act.), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha has approved the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme with maintenance of 10 years at the wage rate of Rs.450/- MD vide his memo No.18076 dated 05.09.2024 as per details given below.

Division	Mouza	Tahasil	Area	Amount Approved
Baripada	Daundia	Gopabandhu Nagar	6.07Ha.	Rs.52,90,400.00
Rairangpur	Gohira	Jamda	8.90Ha.	Rs.85,86,400.00

The user Agency has deposited the above amounts in three spells. The details has been mentioned under **Condition (iv)** above.

The financial outlay of CA schemes @ Rs. 450/- MD, the copies of the demand notices, the copy of payment receipts of the above amounts and the status of payment downloaded from Parivesh portal are enclosed as **Annexure-4 Series**.

The intimation given by the user agency for the deposit of CA cost is at **Annexure-7 Series**.

Condition No.(viii):- All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred online to the Ad-hoc CAMPA in the Saving Bank Account pertaining to the State concerned.

Compliance:- In compliance to the condition, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited following amount towards Compensatory levies (Cost of NPV, CA & CATP) online through Parvesh portal in Orissa CAMPA Account.

Item	Division	Amount	Date	CAMPA A/C No. & Bank	UTR No.
1	2	3	4	5	6
NPV	Baripada	Rs.86,86,937/-	29.03.2018	150825712731356 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi-110003	U000000385261380 &U000000385261384
		Rs.46,04,077/-	29.07.2024	150825712731546 of Union Bank of India, FCS Centre,Jelitta Tower, Mission Road, Bangaluru-560027	RBI2122410604307
	Total NPV Baripada Division	Rs.1,32,91,014/-			

	Balasore (WL)	Rs.16,61,404/-	29.03.2018	150825712731356 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi-110003	U000000385261380 &U000000385261384
		Rs. 8,80,544/-	19.12.2023	150825712731567 in Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, Jelitta Tower, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027	RBI3552357495586
	Total NPV Balasore (WL) Division	Rs.25,41,948/-			
CA	Rairangpur	Rs.30,28,900/-	29.03.2018	150825712731356 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi-110003	U000000385261380 &U000000385261384
		Rs.2,54,100/-	08.03.2022	150825712731830 of Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi-110003	RBI0672245996782
		Rs. 53,03,400/-	01.11.2024	150825712731658 of Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, Jelitta Tower, Mission Road, Bangaluru-560027	RBI3072415171035
	Total CA Rairangpur Division	Rs.85,86,400/-			
	Baripada	Rs.17,89,600/-	29.03.2018	150825712731356 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi-110003	U000000385261380 &U000000385261384
		Rs.2,09,700/-	08.03.2022	150825712731830 of Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi-110003	RBI0672245996782
		Rs.32,91,100/-	01.11.2024	150825712731658 of Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, Jelitta Tower, Mission Road, Bangaluru-560027	RBI3072415171037
	Total CA Baripada Division	Rs.52,90,400/-			

CATP	Baripada	Rs.4,34,73,000/-	29.03.2018	150825712731356 in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi-110003	U000000385261380 &U000000385261384
		Rs.1,45,36,200/-	08.03.2022	150825712731830 of Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi-110003	RBI0672245996782
		Rs.44,34,200/-	23.03.2022	150825712731456 of Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch New Delhi-110003	RBI0822271400270
		Rs.7,80,34,500/-	01.11.2024	150825712731658 of Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, Jelitta Tower, Mission Road Bangaluru-560027	Rs. 2,40,00,000/- vide UTR No.RBI3072415171031
					Rs. 2,40,00,000/- vide RBI3072415171033
				Rs. 3,00,34,500/- vide RBI3072415171041	
	Total CATP	Rs.14,04,77,900/-			
	Grand Total	Rs.17,01,87,662/-			

The statement of funds deposited by the user agency towards compensatory levies in prescribed CAMPA format duly signed by DFO, Baripada/ Balasore (WL)/ Rairangpur Forest division and countersigned by Addl. PCCF (Nodal) are enclosed at **Annexure-8 Series**.

Condition No. (ix):- The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment(Protection) Act, 1986, if required.

Compliance:- In compliance to above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has obtained Environment Clearance for construction of Sono Barrage Project at village Jaida, Dist-Mayurbhanj vide Ref No.85, dt.14.02.2011 of Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Orissa, which is enclosed as **Annexure-9 Series**.

Condition No. (x):- The Catchment Area Treatment Plan shall be prepared and implemented at the cost of user agency. It may be ensured that water harvesting structure be included as a component in CAT Plan.

Compliance:- In compliance to above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the Catchment Area Treatment Plan for the project for Rs.14,04,77,900.00 has been approved at the wage rate of 450/- MD vide memo no.18076, dt.05.09.2024 of PCCF(Nodal). Water harvesting structure has been included as a component in CAT Plan.

The User Agency has deposited the said amount in State specific CAMPA Account in four spells.

Initially, the Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CATP) has been approved for Rs. 4,34,73,000/- at the wage rate of Rs. 200/- MD. The UA has deposited a sum of **Rs 5,86,39,841/- on 29.03.2018** in the State specific CAMPA Account No. **150825712731356** in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi online through Parivesh portal which includes **Rs.4,34,73,000/-** towards cost of CATP.

- Due to enhancement of wage rate the said scheme has been revised at the wage rate of Rs.308 MD amounting to **Rs.6,24,43,400/-** The user agency has deposited a sum of Rs. 1,89,70,400/- towards differential cost of CATP (Rs.6,24,43,400/- - Rs.4,34,73,000/-) in two spells. The UA has deposited a sum of **Rs 1,50,00,000/- on 08.03.2022** in the State specific CAMPA Account No. **1508257112731830** in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi online through Parivesh portal which includes differential cost of CATP of **Rs.1,45,36,200/-**. Again, the user agency has deposited **Rs. 44,34,200/-** towards balance differential cost of CATP **on 23.03.2022** in the State specific CAMPA Account No. **150825712731456** in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi online through Parivesh portal.
- Due to enhancement of wage rate the said scheme has again been revised at the wage rate of Rs.450/- MD amounting to Rs.14,04,77,900/-. The user agency has deposited a sum of Rs. 7,80,34,500 towards differential cost of CATP (Rs14,04,77,900/- -Rs.6,24,43,400/-) on 01.11.2024. The UA has deposited a sum of **Rs 8,66,29,000/- on 01.11.2024** in the State specific CAMPA Account No. **150825712731658** in Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru online through Parivesh portal which includes differential cost of CATP of **Rs.7,80,34,500/-**.

The financial outlay of CATP scheme @ Rs. 450/- MD, the copies of the demand notices, the copies of payment receipts of the above amounts and the status of payment downloaded from Parivesh portal are enclosed as **Annexure-10 Series**.

Condition No. (xi):- *Plantation of suitable species shall be raised and maintained along the canal, at the cost of user agency, if possible.*

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the User Agency has given undertakings duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs that Plantation of suitable species shall be raised and maintained along the canal, at the cost of user agency, which are enclosed as **Annexure-11 Series**.

Condition No. (xii):- *Water will be provided free of cost to the Forest Department, if required, for raising nursery/plantation in nearby areas.*

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the User Agency has given undertakings duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs that water will be provided free of cost to the Forest Department, if required, for raising nursery/plantation in nearby areas, which are enclosed as **Annexure-12 Series**.

Condition No.(xiii):- No tree felling shall be done between Full Reservoir Level(FRL) and 4 meters below Full Reservoir Level(FRL).

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the User Agency has given undertakings duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs that no tree felling shall be done between Full Reservoir Level (FRL) and 4 meters below Full Reservoir Level (FRL), which are enclosed as **Annexure-13 Series**.

Condition No. (xiv):- The royalty of trees need not be demanded from the user agency as per Ministry's letter No.13-20/2015-CAMPA, dated.09.06.2016.

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has informed that no demand has been received from forest department as per Ministry's letter No.13-20/2015-CAMPA, dated.09.06.2016, which are enclosed as **Annexure-14 Series**.

Condition No.(xv):- The boundary of the forest land proposed to be diverted shall be demarcated on the ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, DGPS coordinates, distance from adjoining pillars etc. As per Ministry's letter No.13-20/2015-CAMPA dated 09.06.2016, the cost of expenditure like boundary walls, stone pillars, demarcation charges, charges for felling of trees and their transportation to depots shall be deposited with DFO concerned and the work should be undertaken departmentally in order to ensure that the task of erection of boundary walls, stone pillars, demarcation charges etc. are undertaken faithfully and in the best interests of the forests before the diversion and handing over of the forest land takes place. The work on these items should be completed within 6months from the grant of final approval to diversion of forest land.

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the list with total 870nos pillars posted by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, DGPS coordinates, distance from adjoining pillars in respect of Baripada and Balasore(WL) Divisions as per Ministry's letter No.13-20/2015-CAMPA, dated.09.06.2016. The boundary pillars posted by the User Agency has been verified and authenticated by the Divisional Forest Officers, Baripada and Balasore(WL) Divisions.

The details of Pillars posted in the boundary of forest land proposed for diversion in Baripada & Balasore(WL) divisions is given below.

Sl.No.	Division	Pillar No(s).	No. of Pillars
1	2	3	4
1	Baripada	01 to 470	470nos.
		597 to 684	88nos.
		RF	31nos.
	Total:		589nos.
2	Balasore(WL)	471 to 596	126nos.
		685 to 839	155nos.
	Total:		281nos.
	G-Total:		870nos.

The details of pillars posted pertaining to Baripada & Balasore(WL) Divisions is enclosed in shape of **Booklet as Annexure -15 Series.**

Condition No.(xvi):- *The State Forest Department/UA shall submit the surveyed sketch map with location and natural reference point of 14.97 ha. of non-forest identified in Plot No.38, Khata No.315 of village Daundi under Gopabandhu Nagar Tahasil of Baripada Forest Division and Plot No.357,539 & 401, KhataNo.152 of village Gohira under Jamada Tahasil of Rairangpur Forest Division as proposed for CA, giving the DGPS readings giving the latitude and longitude and distance between them.*

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted surveyed sketch map with location and natural reference point of 14.97 ha. of non-forest identified in Plot No.38, Khata No.315 of village Daundi under Gopabandhu Nagar Tahasil of Baripada Forest Division and Plot No.357,539 & 401, KhataNo.152 of village Gohira under Jamada Tahasil of Rairangpur Forest Division as proposed for CA, giving the DGPS readings with the latitude and longitude and distance between them. The map has been authenticated by User Agency, DFO, Baripada and Rairangpur Divisions. The survey sketch maps are enclosed as **Annexure-16 Series.**

Condition No.(xvii):- *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.*

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the User Agency has given an undertaking duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land for construction of the project, which are enclosed as **Annexure-17 Series.**

Condition No. (xviii):- *The user agency shall provide alternate fuel preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas.*

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the User Agency has given an undertaking duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs to provide alternate fuel preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas, which are enclosed as **Annexure-18 Series.**

Condition No.(xix):- *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the User Agency has given an undertaking duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work, which are enclosed as **Annexure-19 Series.**

Condition No.(xx):- *Earth or any material shall neither be brought from nor the debris resulting during construction be disposed of in the adjoining forest area by the user agency.*

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the User Agency has given an undertaking duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs that no earth or any material shall neither be brought from nor the debris resulting during construction be disposed of in the adjoining forest area, which are enclosed as **Annexure-20 Series**.

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

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the User Agency has given an undertaking duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs that there shall be no felling of any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner while executing works, which are enclosed as **Annexure-21 Series**.

Condition No.(xxii):- *The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance:- In Compliance to above, the User Agency has given an undertaking duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs that the forest land proposed for diversion for the project shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, which are enclosed as **Annexure-22 Series**.

Condition No.(xxiii):- *The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No.11-9/1998-FC(pt.) dated.03.08.2009 read with letter No.11- 9/1998-FC (pt.)dated 05.02.2013, in support thereof. The original FRA certificate or attested by the issuing authority shall be submitted before Stage-II approval.*

Compliance:- In compliance to above, the RCCF, FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the FRA certificate in original for the project pertaining to Baripada and Balasore(WL) Divisions has been submitted to the Government of Odisha, F&E Department vide No.20940/9F(Irrg.0-345/2016, dt.09.11.2016 of Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the PCCF,Odisha. Photo copies of FRA certificates pertaining to Baripada and Balasore(WL) Divisions issued by the Collector, Mayurbhanj and Balasore which are enclosed as **Annexure-23 Series**.

Condition No.(xxiv):- *Any other conditions that Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife shall be complied by the user agency.*

Compliance:- In compliance to above, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs to abide by any other conditions that Ministry of

Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife, which are enclosed as **Annexure-24 Series**.

Condition No. (xxv):- *The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.*

Compliance:- In Compliance to the condition, the User Agency has given an undertaking duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs to comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project, which are enclosed as **Annexure-25 Series**.

Additional Condition imposed by Government of Odisha, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department vide No.10F(CON)286/ 2016-20273/F&E, Bhubaneswar, Dated 03.10.2017.

Condition: *The user agency shall pay towards cost of removal of trees enumerated before commencement of work and tree felling should be taken up in phases strictly as per requirement under the supervision of the Divisional Forest Officers of Baripada and Balasore(WL) Division.*

Compliance: In Compliance to above, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs to pay towards cost of removal of trees enumerated before commencement of work on Stage-II approval and tree felling shall be taken up in phases strictly as per requirement under the supervision of the Divisional Forest Officers of Baripada and Balasore(WL) Division, which are enclosed as **Annexure-26 Series**.

Further, the user agency has furnished the cogent reason for delay in submission of Stage-I compliance duly countersigned by DFO, Baripada Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-27**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar as well as the State Government is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion 14.928 ha of forest land for construction of Sono Barrage Project near village Jaida of Gopabandhu Nagar Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District, Odisha within the jurisdiction of Balasore (WL) and Baripada Forest Division by the Executive Engineer, Mayurbhanj Investigation Division, Udala for approval under Section-2(1)(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully


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

Memo No.

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23.05.2025

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 5-ORC307/2017-BHU dated 04.08.2017 of Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar and Memo No. 20273/F&E dated 03.10.2017 of the Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 1447 dated 09.04.2025.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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Copy forwarded to the DFO, Baripada Forest Divisions for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1448 dated 09.04.2025 of the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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