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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department,  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar-751 001.

**Sub:- State-II/Final approval for non-forestry use of 3.003 ha of forest land for improvement of road (RCPLWE-Phase-II) Narigaon-Gillaguntha-Betabadi from Chainage 0.000 Km to 5.087 Km under Koraput Forest Division in Koraput District by Executive Engineer, Koraput (R&B) Division.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0062-2023-14410/FE&CC dated 11.07.2023, wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for non-forestry use of 3.003 ha of forest land for improvement of road (RCPLWE-Phase-II) Narigaon-Gillaguntha-Betabadi from Chainage 0.000 Km to 5.087 Km under Koraput Forest Division in Koraput District by Executive Engineer, Koraput (R&B) Division, was sought in accordance with Section-2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the **in-principle** approval for non-forestry use of the said forest land was accorded by Ministry vide this office letter of even number dated 31.07.2023, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested to grant final approval of the proposal.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha vide their letter No.10692/9F(Road)-418/2021 dated 16.05.2025, No.22930 dated 15.11.2025 and submission of the compliance report by State Govt. in *Parivesh* web portal on 09.03.2026, **Stage-II/final** approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is hereby granted under Section 2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 3.003 ha of forest land for improvement of road (RCPLWE-Phase-II) Narigaon-Gillaguntha-Betabadi from Chainage 0.000 Km to 5.087 Km under Koraput Forest Division in Koraput District by Executive Engineer, Koraput (R&B) Division, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The State Govt. shall ensure that the legal status of diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

3. The State Govt. shall ensure the compliance on FRA, 2006 as per Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules and guidelines issued from time to time before handing over of the diverted forest land to user agency.
4. The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will raise compensatory afforestation over 4.00 Ha of non-forest land identified in Plot No.01, Khata No.76 of Kissam-Phada of Village Gumaguda under Nandapur Tahasil of Koraput District under Koraput Forest Division within two year from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency. The species to be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.
5. The State Govt. shall ensure that the KML files of the area to be diverted and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before handing over of the diverted forest land to the user agency.
6. The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
7. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall take up Avenue Plantation on either side of the alignment of the road at the project cost in consultation with the DFO. In this regard State Govt. shall adhere to the Ministry's letter No.7-12/2022-ROHQ dated 01.09.2022.
8. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
9. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall use fly ash for the road construction and for filling up of void created due to soil borrows which will be followed by compaction and spreading of top soil over it as per Fly Ash Notification No. S.O. 254 (E) dated 25.01.2016.
10. The State Govt. and the User Agency shall ensure that flanks of roads should be filled by transported soil and not with soil dug from the side of the roads.
11. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that the designing of new culverts/bridges and redesigning the existing ones over the natural streams/ rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, so that it does not hamper movement of wild animals including fishes & amphibians migration.
12. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.
13. The State Govt. and the User Agency shall ensure that overburden shall not be disposed beyond the designated road width. Muck generated from earth cuttings shall be fully utilized for filling works. Any excess muck shall be disposed strictly in accordance with a Muck Disposal Plan. No muck or debris shall be permitted to roll down hill slopes.

14. The State Govt. and the User Agency shall ensure that retaining walls, breast walls, and drainage structures shall be constructed at appropriate locations to ensure slope stability and prevent erosion along the alignment.
15. The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the reclamation of quarry should be done under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The quarry shall be reclaimed and afforested completely before the project is closed.
16. The State Govt. shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
17. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work
18. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that while executing works, the user agency shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.
19. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that 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.
20. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
21. The State Govt. shall ensure that 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.
22. The State Govt. shall ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
23. The State Govt. shall ensure that the DFO concerned will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in surrounding area.
24. The State Govt. shall ensure that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, which shall be complied by the user agency.
25. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
26. Any other direction issued by the Ministry as a result of Hon'ble Supreme Court order will have bearing on this approval.
27. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.16 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 vide Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by

Sujoy Dutta

Date: 10-03-2026

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3. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest Division, Koraput, Odisha
5. The Executive Engineer, R & B Division, Koraput, Odisha-764020.