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FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

Memo No. 18702 /FE&CC, Date 26-10-21

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Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar vide Letter No.5-ORC469/2021-BHU dtd.20.10.2021 on the matter of diversion of 15.265 ha of forest land for expansion of existing of Red Mud Pond at village Rengopali under Lanjigarh Tahsil in Kalahandi District of Odisha by Vedanta in favour of M/s IDCO, Bhubaneswar under Kalahandi South Forest Division forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for kind information and necessary action.

It is requested to furnish the required information as sought for by Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar in the aforesaid letter directly to the Ministry under intimation to this Department.

[Signature]
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 18703 /FE&CC Date 26-10-21

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha for information and necessary action.

[Signature]
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 18704 /FE&CC Date 26-10-21

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhawanipatna Circle / Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi (South) Forest Division for information and necessary action.

[Signature]
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 18705 /FE&CC Date 26-10-21

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Steel & Mines Department/ Revenue & Disaster Management Department/ Industries Department/ Director of Environment, FE&CC Department/ Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha / Collector, Kalahandi for information and necessary action.

[Signature]
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 18706 /FE&CC Date 26-10-21

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Chief General Manager (Land), IDCO, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/ M/s Vedanta Aluminum Ltd., At/Po-Lanjigarh, Dist-Kalahandi, Odisha for information and necessary action.

[Signature]
Special Secretary to Government

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Department,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Diversion of 15.265 ha of forest land for expansion of existing of Red Mud Pond at village Rengopali under Lanjigarh Tahasil in Kalahandi District of Odisha by Vedanta in favour of M/s IDCO, Bhubaneswar, under Kalahandi South Forest Division.

Ref.: State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)44/2021-10169/F&E dated 04.06.2021

Madam,

With subject and reference cited as above, I am directed to inform that the above proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 11.10.2021. The Committee decided to approve proposal conditionally with the following observations.

- A report to be sought from the State Forest Department on the representation received from Ministry of Lanjigarh factory Anchal Vikash Samiti within 15 days. If no response is received within the stipulated time, it will deemed that, the State Govt. has nothing to say in this representation.
- All non-forest land received under CA in Kalahandi district should be notified as forest under the Indian forest Act, 1927 within 6 months.
- CA area under degraded forest is very large and planting 200 saplings/ha. seems to be very scanty. State Forest Department may consider to afforest the degraded area with more saplings per hectare.
- User agency shall submit a technical report as to whether the proposed site is polluting the first level aquifers within 15 days.

It is therefore requested to kindly furnish the observations made in Para (a) & (d) above to this office for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti
(Padma Mahanti)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

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Copy to:

1. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
2. The Chief General Manager (Land), IDCO, IDCO Tower, Janpath, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)