GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

18913 /FE&CC, Date 03.10.24 No.FE-DIV-FLD-0011-2024-

10F (Cons)-09/2024 From

Shri Lingaraj Otta,

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

To

The PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act).

O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha.

Proposal for diversion of 32.717 ha Revenue Forest Land in Mouza Harapur, Sub: Harekrushnapur, Durgapur and Alkar under Jatani Tahasil in Khordha district for establishment of Infovalley Electronics manufacturing Cluster.

Proposal No.FP/OR/IND/19440/2016, State SI. No.066/2017 dtd.15.11.2017.

Sir.

In inviting a reference to captioned subject, I am directed to inform that the DIG of Forests (C), Gol, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar vide letter dtd.30.07.24 with a copy to you and the User Agency(copy enclosed) had intimated that as per DSS analysis/ Google imagery, the user agency has used the forest land for non-forestry purpose in several patches of forest land (9 places) without prior approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Thus, the proposal involves violation. Hence, MoEF &CC, Regional Office has requested to submit the proposal to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi as per Rule 10 (2) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

But no detailed report on the violation has yet been received from you for taking further action at this end.

you are therefore, requested to furnish a detailed report on the violation committed by the User Agency to this Department immediately for further action at this end.

Yours faithfully,

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government Memo No. 18914 /FE&CC, Date 03.10.24

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, City Forest Division, Bhubaneswar for information and immediate necessary action.

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government Memo No. 18915 /FE&CC, Date 03.10.29

Copy forwarded to the Chief General Manager Environment, IDCO, IDCO Towers, Janpath, Bhubaneswar, Khordha, Odisha-751022 for information and necessary action.

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Sub: Diversion of 32.717 ha Revenue forest land in Mouza Harapur, Harekrushnapur, Durgapur and Alkar under Jatani Tahasil of Khordha district for establishment of Infovalley Electronics Manufacturing Cluster.

Ref: 1) This office letter of even number dated 29.02.2024.

2) PCCF (Nodal), Odisha's letter No.13342/9F (IND)-398/2023 dated 05.07.2024.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the point wise reply furnished by State Govt. vide letter under reference-2 was examined in this office. It is observed that as per DSS analysis/Google imagery, the user agency has used the forest land for non-forestry purpose in several patches of forest land (9 places) without prior approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Thus, the proposal involves violation. As per Rule 10 (2) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule, 2023, the above proposal may be submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully. Padma Mahanti

(Dr. Padma Mahanti) Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

- 1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA). Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.
- The Chief General Manager (Environment), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Janapath, Bhubaneswar-751022, Odisha.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)