



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

Memo No. 18145 /9F(Ind)- 398/2020
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 28th October, 2021

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Kalahandi (South) Forest Division

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 15.265 ha of Forest land under Kalahandi (South) Forest Division for expansion of existing Red Mud Pond at village Rengopali in Lanjigarh Tahasil of Kalahandi District in the State of Odisha by Vedanta in favour of M/s IDCO, Bhubaneswar

Enclosed, please find herewith a photo copy of letter No.F. No.5-ORC469/2021-BHU dated 20.10.2021 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), Government of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar on the above mentioned subject, which is self explanatory. You are requested to furnish the pointwise information as sought for by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar through your RCCF for onward transmission to Government of India.

This is Urgent.

Encl: As above


Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 18146 /Dt. 28.10.2021

Copy along with its enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Bhawanipatna Circle for information & necessary action.


Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 18147 /Dt. 28.10.2021

Copy along with its enclosure forwarded to the Chief General Manager (Land), IDCO, IDCO Tower, Janpath Bhubaneswar- 751022, Odisha for information & necessary action.


Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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19th October, 2021
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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)