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21st November, 2023

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Deptt.,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar-751001

Sub: Diversion of 2.832 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District under Chandaka (WL) Division.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0092-2023-22952/FE&CC dated 02.11.2023.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted the above mentioned proposal to this office seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980. On examination proposal following was observed.

- a) The Jungle-II kissam land was allotted by the GA Department in three phases during the year 1998 and 1999 to M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. and the lease was executed on 30.03.1998 (4.500 Ac.), 28.07.1998 (1.985 Ac.) and 12.03.1999 (0.515 Ac.) without prior approval of Central Govt. Further, the DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division has reported that the user agency has constructed building for hotel over revenue kissam land without prior approval from Govt. of India, MoEF&CC in contravention of FC Act, 1980. Hence, detail action taken report along with name and designation of erring officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose may be furnished.
- a) As per DSS, Mining or Quarry activity and a metalled road is passing through the non-forest land identified for C.A. are observed in CA patch. This may be clarified by the State Govt. in view of the suitability of CA land and encroachment free land.

It is therefore requested to furnish the above desired information for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

- 1) The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.
- 2) The General Manager (L&E), Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd., 8-B, Jaydev Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013 for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)