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24th November, 2023

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 1.216 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-0095-2023-23097/FE&CC dated 04.11.2023.

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.

- The Jungle-II kismam land was allotted by the GA Department vide allotment order No.3306/GA dated 26.02.2000. The DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division has reported that the user agency has constructed building for hotel over revenue kismam 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.
- As per DSS, an area of approx. 1070 Sq. meter of the CA area is falling in water body and two metalled roads are passing through CA area identified. 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:

- The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.
- 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)