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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Deptt., Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar – 751 001.

Sub: Diversion of 26.444 ha of forest land for construction of Khairibhandan Barrage Project at Anlabeni in Jashipur Block in Karanjia Forest Division under Mayurbhanj District, Odisha.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)91/2020-15809/F&E dated 14.10.2020.

Madam,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the above proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 26.10.2020. The Committee discussed the comments of State Govt. on Site Inspection report of Dy. IGF (C) submitted by State Govt. vide letter dated 14.10.2020 and recommended that as per recommendation of the State Govt. an expert committee may be constituted by the State Govt. to study the impact of the project from all angles like forestry, wildlife, environment, ecotourism, livelihood, sociological aspect and basing on the findings and recommendations of the committee a decision may be arrived on taking of the project. The State Govt. may accordingly constitute an expert committee and submit the study report within 30 days.

It is therefore requested to kindly constitute the above expert committee and submit the study report to this office within 30 days for further necessary action.

Padme Wehant

(Padma Mahanti)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Foest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekarpur, Bhubansewar for kind information and necessary action.

2. The Executive Engineer, Mayurbhanj Investigation Division, Udala, Dist: Mayurbhanj, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)