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23rd January, 2024

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 6.56 ha of forest land for construction of Bolangir Bypass Road (West) by the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Bolangir under Bolangir Forest Division.

Ref: PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha's letter No.25191/9F (Road)-343/2022 dated 26.12.2023.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the point wise compliance of observation made in this office letter dated 29.09.2023 furnished by State Govt. vide letter under reference was examined in this office and observed the following.

- a) As per examination of KML file of entire alignment in DSS and it appears from the google time series that vegetation has been removed and there has been an attempt to construct the road on the aforesaid plots and violation over 0.533 ha forest land has been observed in Plot No.1733, 1712, 1120, 843, 1172 & 1187. The reply of the the query raised appears to be an eye wash. The violation over the forest land may be properly be detected jointly by the DFO concern and Revenue officials.
- b) Detail action taken report by Revenue authority & extent of forest area used under violation of FC Act, 1980 along with name and designation of erring officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose has not been furnished by the State Govt.

It is therefore requested to furnish the above desired information to this office 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 Executive Engineer, NH Division, Bolangir-767001, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)