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

Memo No. 1807 Dated, Bhubaneswar the /9F (Road)-70/2019 January, 2020

To

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 26.944 ha Forest Land for construction of Four Lane dedicated Coal corridor from Bankibahal (Coal Mine) 0/00 Km to Bhedabahal (SH-10) 30/811 Km in the District of Sundargarh by Executive Engineer Sundargarh (R&B) Division, Sundargarh

Ref: Your Memo No.2971 dated 26.10.2019

In inviting a reference to your memo cited above on the captioned subject, I am directed to inform you that, on scrutiny of the diversion proposal submitted by you, the following deficiencies are noticed.

The para 2.4 (i) of the guidelines & clarifications issued in Hand Book of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003 by GoI, MoEF & CC 2019 states as follows:

"(i) As a matter of pragmatism, the revenue land/zupdi jungle/ chhote/ bade jhar ka jungle/ jungle jhari land/ civil soyam/ orange lands and all other such categories of forest lands not under management and/or administrative control of the State/ UT Forest Department, on which the provisions of FC Act, 1980 are applicable, shall be considered for the purpose of compensatory afforestation. Such lands on which compensatory afforestation is proposed shall be provided double in extent to the area proposed for diversion and shall be transferred and mutated in the name of State Forest Department. It shall be notified as Reserve Forest (RF)/ Protected Forest (PF) under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 prior to Stage-II approval."

In the instant case an area of 30.02 ha of degraded Revenue Forest land (net effective area 26.994 ha) has been identified in village Nialipali, Kepse, Bilaigarh & Dhaoraadha under Sundargarh Forest Division against diversion of 26.994 ha of forest land for construction of four lane dedicated coal corridor from Bankibahal (coal mine) 0/0 Km to Bedabahal (SH-10) 30/811 Km in the district of Sundargarh by Executive Engineer Sundargarh (R&B) Division Sundargarh.

Hence, against proposed diversion of 26.994 ha of forest land, 53.988 ha (2 x 26.994 ha) of revenue forest is required for raising compensatory afforestation.

In view of the above, the diversion proposal in 4 (four) sets are returned herewith to comply the deficiencies as pointed out above and resubmit the same to this office for early processing of the proposal.

This is urgent.

Encl: Diversion Proposal in 4 (Four) Sets

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.2972 dated 26.10.2019 of Addl. PCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 1809 /Dt. 22 OI-20
Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Rural & Works Division, Sundargarh for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.2973 dated 26.10.2019 of Addl. PCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)