



No.5-ORB557/2023-BHU

25th January, 2024

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 1.849 ha of forest land for implementation of Dhamra-Haldia Pipeline (DHPL) Project, a spurline of Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL) Project in Bhadrak, Balasore & Mayurbhanj District of Odisha pertaining to 3 Divisions i.e. Bhadrak (WL) Division (0.3762 ha of forest land), Balasore (WL) Division (1.1921 ha of forest land) and Baripada Division (0.2807 ha of forest land by GAIL (India) Ltd.

Ref: PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha's letter No.25420/9F (Pipeline)-401/2022 dated 29.12.2023.

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. The report submitted is not clear, so a clear information on the following points may be submitted to this office.

- Whether construction has been done prior to submission of proposal or after submission of the proposal?
- What action has been taken by Revenue officials for allowing construction in Revenue forest land without forest clearance?
- Action taken against erring officials from GAIL, who has done this non-forestry activity in Revenue forest land.
- Also, after analysis of DSS, some more area are visible with construction work, so details report on exact area used under violation, surveying jointly by Revenue and Forest Officials may be furnished.

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 Deputy General Manager, GAIL (India) Limited, 612, Utkal Signature, Pahala, NH-5, Bhubaneswar-752101 for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)