



OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
ROURKELA CIRCLE, AT/P.O. PANPOSH, ROURKELA-769 004.

Memo No. 156 /3F(Misc)913/2020 Date: 25-01-2020

To
The Divisional Forest Officer,
Sundargarh Division.

Sub: Proposal for Diversion of 26.994 Ha. Forest Land for construction of Four Lane dedicated Coal Corridor from Bankibahal (Coal Mine) 0/00km to Bhedabahal(SH-10) 30/811 Km. in the District of Sundargarh by Executive Engineer Sundargarh (R&B) Division, Sundargarh.

Ref: Memo No.1808 Dtd.22.01.2020 of PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF, Odisha.

With reference to the aforecited Memo on the captioned subject, on scrutiny of the above diversion proposal, the PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF, Odisha has noticed the following deficiencies.

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 propose 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 PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF, Odisha has returned the above diversion proposal to this office in four sets for compliance with the same.

Therefore, the diversion proposal in five sets (including the office copy of this office) are returned herewith which may be resubmitted to this office after compliance with the above deficiencies for further action at this end.

Encl: As above.

ds 25.1.2020
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 157

/Date: 25.01.2020

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the Pr.CCF, Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.1807 dtd.22.01.2020 .

ds 25.1.2020
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 158

Date: 25.01.2020

Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, R & B Division, Sundargarh for information and necessary action with reference to the Memo No.1809 dated 22.01.2020 of the PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF, Odisha.

ds 25.1.2020
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle