



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

Memo No. **1594** /9F (Others)-303/2021

Dated, Bhubaneswar the **25th** January, 2021

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Koraput Circle

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 13.233 ha of revenue forest land for construction of Air Strip at Malkangiri in the Malkangiri District of Malkangiri Forest Division by Executive Engineer, Malkangiri (R&B) Division (Proposal No.FP/OR/Others/30494/2017, State Sl. No.OR-046/2019)

Ref: Your Memo No.102 dated 12.01.2021 of RCCF Koraput Circle

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

1. The forest land proposed for diversion under Section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 is 13.233 ha. You have identified 13.344 ha of revenue forest land ~~identified~~ in Kabasiguda village under Kalimela Tahasil of Malkangiri District to take up Compensatory Afforestation. The para 2.4 (i) of the comprehensive guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide F.No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 envisages as follows:

*"As a matter of pragmatism, the revenue lands/zudpi 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 Forests (PF) under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 prior to Stage-II approval."*

Hence, you are requested to identify 26.466 ha (13.233 ha X 2) of Revenue Forest for taking up Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of diversion of 13.233 ha of forest land for construction of Air Strip at Malkangiri in the Malkangiri District of Malkangiri Forest Division by Executive Engineer, Malkangiri (R&B) Division. ~~Hence,~~ The CA scheme prepared at the current wage rate of Rs.308/- per MD over 26.466 ha of identified Revenue Forest land should be accompanied the DP for necessary approval by the Competent Authority.

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2. Please furnish the land schedule of both forest and non-forest land involved in the project with Khata No. & Plot No. duly authenticated by Tahasildar Malkangiri according to status as on 25.10.1980. (Hal & Sabik)
3. The forest types of Malkangiri Forest Division are Moist Deciduous Forests, Southern Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests, Southern Moist Mixed Deciduous Forests, Orissa Tropical Semi Evergreen Forest, Dry Deciduous Shrub Forest and Central South Tropical Hill Forests.

In the Site Inspection Report, it has been mentioned that the forest land applied for diversion is Open Forest of Jungle Kisam (Revenue Land). The area is situated near Gopalkonda PRF & Koilipari PRF, which is about 4.0 Km away from boundary. The said forest land has been put under Eco-Value Class-IV.

As per letter F. No.5-3/2017-FC dated 05.02.2009 of GoI, MoEF, New Delhi, the forest type of Eco-Value Class-IV consists of Tropical Thorn Forests and Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests.

Therefore reassess the eco-value class accordingly.

In view of the above, the diversion proposal are returned herewith to comply the deficiencies as pointed out above and resubmit the same for early processing of the proposal.

This is urgent.

Encl: **DP in 3 Sets**


Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

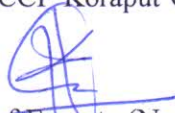
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Copy forwarded to Divisional Forest Officer, Malkangiri Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to memo No.103 dated 12.01.2021 of RCCF Koraput Circle to his address.


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