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Dated, Bhubaneswar, the

13th

December, 2023

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Koraput Circle

Sub: Proposal for diversion of forest land 452.705 ha for construction of Jeypore-Malkangiri New BG Railway line of East Coast Railway coming under Koraput-Malkangiri District- Observations regarding

Ref: Your Memo No.3980 dated 24.11.2023

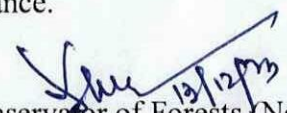
In inviting a reference to the aforesaid memo on the captioned subject, this is to inform that during scrutiny of the diversion proposal submitted by you, the following observations/ shortcomings have been noticed:

1. Both the DFO, Jeypore and Malkangiri Division have not submitted the statement showing details of forest area proposed for diversion as per checklist Sl. No.7 and have also not submitted the statement showing details of non-forest area required for the project Tahasil wise as per checklist Sl. No.8.
2. Certificate for minimum use of forest land to be provided by the User Agency duly countersigned by both the DFOs separately for two divisions as per checklist Sl. No.11 have not been furnished.
3. Abstract of forest land schedule, Tahasil wise and village wise under 2 Nos. Tahasils of Jeypore Division and 3 Nos. of Tahasils of Malkangiri Forest Division have not been furnished with due authentication both by DFO and Tahasildars concerned.
4. Similarly, abstract of non-forest land schedule involved in the proposal, Tahasil wise and village wise under both the divisions showing separately and use of non-forest Govt., non-forest Pvt. and other Govt. land such as Gochar and Smashan have also not been furnished with due authentication both by the DFO and Tahasildars concerned.
5. The name of the RF and PF land with area proposed to be diverted for this project has not been furnished by the DFO, Malkangiri Division either in his Part-II or Site Inspection Report.


6. Tree enumeration done over the Revenue Forest and non-forest land involved in this project under both the division have not been authenticated by any Revenue officials and the abstract of such tree enumeration has also not been countersigned by the Tahasildar concerned. Moreover, tree enumeration done over forest land proposed to be diverted under Malkangiri Division has been shown to be 27,474 nos. on Part-II and Site Inspection Report of the DFO, Malkangiri Division whereas after totaling of the tree enumeration in the list provided done over villages coming under 3 nos. of Tahasils found to be 26,970 nos. Similarly, tree enumeration done over non-forest land involved under Khairput Tahasil has been shown to be 3973 nos. whereas after totaling, it has been found to be 3727 nos. in place 3973 nos. So, the discrepancies found above are to be sorted out and corrected.
7. **Alternate alignment:-** Though the User Agency has shown 3 nos. of alternate route alignment for the proposed new construction of this broad gauge rail link project on combo topomaps but the most suitable routes they have selected basing on different parameters showing a comparative statement has not been furnished in the DP.
8. **FRA Certificate:-** In case of Malkangiri Forest Division against proposed diversion of 405.343 ha of forest land involved under 3 nos. of Tahasils, the Collector, Malkangiri District has issued FRA certificate over 868.5579 acres or say 351.500 ha of forest land in which title has also been issued under FRA in favour of 159 persons over 157.38104 Ac. or say 63.691 ha. Hence, there is a deficit of FRA certificate to be issued by the Collector, Malkangiri District over (405.343 ha – 351.500 ha= 53.843 ha). Further, it has been informed that 25 nos. of individual Forest Right claim is pending with 3 nos. of Tahasildars for further settlement. Necessary undertaking for balance area may be furnished.
9. Certificate regarding land schedule of non-forest land involved in this project as on 25.10.1980 under both the divisions Tahasil wise have not been clearly furnished by the Tahasildars concerned.
10. Under Malkangiri Forest Division within the proposed diverted forest land 159 persons have been issued title under FRA under 3 nos. of Tahasils over 157.38104 Ac. or say 63.691 ha and 25 nos. of more FRA claim applicant is pending with the 3 nos. of Tahasildars for finalization. In the above scenario, ROR plan is required for this project to be prepared by the Collector, Malkangiri District and be submitted if required. Necessary undertaking for balance area may be furnished.
11. Total forest land to be diverted under Malkangiri Forest Division is 405.343 ha (including Revenue forest and Notified forest), but from DGPS surveyed ORSAC vetted Cadastral maps of the forest land over 40 nos. of villages, 2 nos. of RFs and 2 nos. of PFs, the total allotted area after adding comes to 343.4642 ha instead of 405.343 ha.

12. The KML and Shape file of the forest land proposed to be diverted and of proposed CA land under both the division have not been furnished in Pendrive.
13. The GPS co-ordinates and village name of the start point and end point of the project has not been furnished in detailed note of the project.
14. Out of the total 130 Km of new proposed railway track length the length and width of the proposed new BG railway line passing through forest and non-forest areas have not been furnished separately.

In view of the above, I am directed to request you that the concerned DFOs may be requested to attend this office on 15.12.2023 for according necessary compliance.


Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 24359 /Dt. 13-12-2023
Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Jeypore and Malkangiri Forest Divisions for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.3981 dated 24.11.2023 of the RCCF, Koraput Circle. They are requested to attend this office on 15.12.2023 with required documents and staff conversant with the matter and prepare final and corrected proposal for submission and onward transmission to the FE & CC Department. You should be prepared to stay one more day, if required and submit the compliance before leaving towards their headquarter.


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Memo No. 24360 /Dt. 13-12-2023
Copy forwarded to the Dy. Chief Engineer (Cons), East Coast Railway, Koraput for information & necessary action. He is requested attend this office on 15.12.2023 at 11:00 AM for required correction and preparation of proposal for further action.


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