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Letter no. 3523

Date. 19/12/18

To,

Sri Ajay Kumar,
Director,
M/s Electrosteel Steels Ltd.
10, Lohanchal, Beside Sector-12,
Bokaro Steel City, Bokaro, Jharkhand-827001

Subject: - Submission of proposal seeking diversion of forest land in respect of already constructed and operational integrated Steel Plant over an area of 184.23Ha. in Village Sialjori, Buribinore, Bhagabandh, Hutupathar, Bandhdih, PS-Sialjori and Village Alkusha, Dhandabar, PS-Chas Muffashsil, District Bokaro.

Reference: - Your letter dated 07.12.2018 and your online application.

Sir,

In above subject and reference, it is to inform you that during the perusal of your proposal submitted in this office with your above mentioned letter and online application, following defects were found which has to be rectified before forwarding it to higher officers for further processing :

- (I) In application para **L-Details of land identified for compensatory afforestation**, (sub para-(i) which says whether non-forest or revenue land is required to be provided by user agency, it was replied 'No', whereas it should have been 'Yes'. In additional information details, it was submitted :

"Presently the process of identification of land for compensatory afforestation is initiated. As on date Govt. of Jharkhand has already identified 200acres (80.938 Ha.) of land in Godda District. Process for identifying the balance area in also simultaneously going on. Same shall be submitted at DFO office at the earliest. Therefore we are uploading herewith the undertaking."

It is also important to mention here that you have not given the detail of land proposed to be transferred to forest department with scheme of compensatory afforestation which is mandatory to be submitted before this office with proposal. Without this document/paper, the application cannot be forwarded. As far as your undertaking regarding compensatory afforestation land is concerned your have undertaken that suitable compensatory afforestation land within Jharkhand state shall be submitted to undersigned during the processing of your proposal at Divisional Forest Office, Bokaro. So, please give the following description of 184.23 Ha., non-forest land which you have selected for compensatory afforestation :-

- i) Details of non-forest area identified for compensatory afforestation.

- ii) DGPS Map of non-forest land identified for compensatory afforestation.
- iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme with estimate.
- iv) Certificate from concerned DFO regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation.
- v) KML File of compensatory afforestation land.

(II) In para K regarding status of settlement of rights under Forest Right Act, 2006, in reply of the question whether the process for settlement of rights under the Forest Right Act, 2006 on forest land proposed to be diverted has been completed, you have replied-No.

This process must be completed before applying for any forest land for diversion and a certificate from Deputy Commissioner is essential.

So, you are requested to kindly submit the certificate form Deputy Commissioner, Bokaro on prescribed format regarding completion of process for settlement of rights under FRA.

(III) A No Objection Certificate from DC, Bokaro regarding diversion of GM Jungle-Jhari land proposed to be diverted has to be submitted in this office as you have also undertaken to submit it during the process of your application. So that the recommendation for Jungle-Jhari land can be made to Govt. of India.

(IV) In the reply of para-H of the application regarding status of environmental clearance to the project, you have replied-**EC application yet to be submitted**. But in annexures (Annexure-X), you have attached the copy of Environmental Clearance, which has to be rectified. The Environment clearance is for Parbatpur mouza only but your application itself says that it has been established in other villages too like Bandhdih, Bhagabandh, Hutupathar, Dhandabar, Alkusa, Burhibinor & Sialjori, . So, please clear this anomaly.

(V) No marking list of trees standing over the applied forest and jungle-jhari land has been given, so please submit marking list of trees standing in applied forest and jungle-jhari land.

(VI) In the justification for locating the project, you have submitted information as under :-
 “The competent court of civil jurisdiction by its order dated 29.05.2007 in the Title Suit (TS) 25/96 had held the title of the Raiyati land in favour of the vendors of ESL, from whom the land was purchased. The court also found that the claims of the Forest Department were incorrect, and that the land and other similar land was never recorded as Forest Land. However, the District Forest Office, Bokaro preferred to file an appeal bearing number title appeal 33/2007 in the District Court of Bokaro, which has since then been pending for adjudication. ESL purchased approximately 2267.51 acres of land from multiple Raiyats, on the basis of this court order obtained in TS 25/96 vide registered sale deeds.”

This information has to be supported by document. Please submit the land details involved in T.S. No. 25/1996 (T.A. No. 33/2007). The records of this office shows that

T.S. No. 25/1996 (T.A. No. 33/2007) is for 17.68 acres only, which cannot be said to include total notified forest area of 89.39ha. (i.e. 220.88acres) included in the proposal.

- (VII) Undertaking for payment of NPV has not been submitted. Please submit undertaking for NPV payment.
- (VIII) In your proposal, you have attached the list of 18 annexures in index and details of documents enclosed column but you have not attached annexure no. (xi) to (xvii). Please submit all these annexures immediately which are mandatory.

So, you are requested to kindly provide all the required information/documents as earliest as possible so that your proposal can be forward to Conservator of Forest, Bokaro.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully

19/12/18
Divisional Forest Officer,
Bokaro Forest Division, Bokaro.