

**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, RAYAGADA DIVISION**

Letter No. 5178 /4F (Misc) 1745/2023  
Dated, Rayagada the 23rd December, 2023

To

The Dy. Chief Engineer (Con.),  
East Coast Railway, Rayagada.

Sub:- Forest Diversion proposal for construction of doubling in between Bhalumaska - Singapur road section in connection with Koraput - Singapur road Railway doubling project.

Ref: - Memo No.25962 Dt.15.12.2023 of the OSD-Cum-Special Secretary to Govt., F,E & CC Department, Govt. Of Odisha to your address.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, it is to inform you that, on scrutiny of the Forest Diversion proposal for construction of doubling in between Bhalumaska - Singapur road section in connection with Koraput - Singapur road Railway doubling project, the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has pointed out some observations and the same has been communicated by the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle, Koraput to this office vide his memo no.4267 dt.19.12.2023 (Copy Enclosed) for necessary comply at this end.

In this connection, you are requested to comply the observations pointed out by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar at an early date and submit the compliance to this office for taking further action at this end.

**Encl:-As above.**

Memo No. 5179 /

Dt. 23-12-2023

Copy submitted to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle, Koraput for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.4267 dt.19.12.2023.

Memo No. 5180 /

Dt. 23-12-2023

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o. the Pr.CCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4268 dt.19.12.2023 of the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle, Koraput to his address.

Ashok  
23.12.23  
for SM Divisional Forest Officer,  
Rayagada Division

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By e-mail

To Memo No. 4267 /1F (Project)- 149/2023 Dated 19.12.2023.

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Rayagada Forest Division.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 33.152 ha. forest land for construction of Bhalumaska-Singapur doubling Railway project from 128.95 Km to 163.725Km under Rayagada Forest Division by Deputy Chief Engineer (Con...)- II, East Coast Railway, Rayagada , Odisha.



Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of Memo No.25960 dt.15.12.2023 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Department.

You are requested to comply the observations of the GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar vide their Letter dt.13.12.2023 and take necessary action as instructed therein.

  
I/c Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Koraput Circle, Koraput

Memo No. 4268 / Dated 19.12.2023

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information

  
I/c Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Koraput Circle, Koraput

*W. B. M. M.*  
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

Memo No. 25958 /FE&CC, Date 15.12.23  
FE-DIV-FLD-0104-2023/ 10F-(Cons)-78/2023

Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC, RO, Bhubaneswar Letter No.5-ORC618/2023-BHU dt.13.12.2023 on the matter of diversion of 33.152 ha of forest land for construction of Bhubaneswar-Singapur Doubling Railway Project from 128.95 Km to 163.725 Km under Rayagada Forest Division by Deputy Chief Engineer (Con-II), East Coast Railway, Rayagada, Odisha forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and necessary action.

He is requested to kindly furnish the required information to the Ministry directly under intimation to this Department.

*15/12/2023*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 25959 /FE&CC, Date 15.12.23

Copy with copy of enclosures forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&ND, FC Act), O/o PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information & necessary action.

*15/12/2023*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 25960 /FE&CC, Date 15.12.23

✓ Copy with copy of enclosures forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Rayagada Forest Division/ Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest Division for information and necessary action.

*15/12/2023*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 25961 /FE&CC, Date 15.12.23

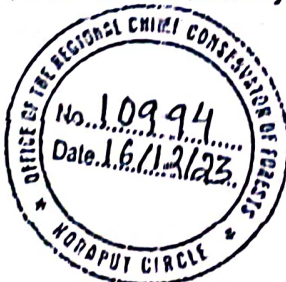
Copy with copy of enclosures forwarded to Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department/ Revenue & Disaster Management Department's Collector, Rayagada/ Collector, Koraput for information and necessary action.

*15/12/2023*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 25962 /FE&CC, Date 15.12.23

Copy with copy of enclosures forwarded to the Deputy Chief Engineer (Con-II)/VSKP, East Coast Railway, Rayagada, Odisha-765001 for information and necessary action.

*15/12/2023*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

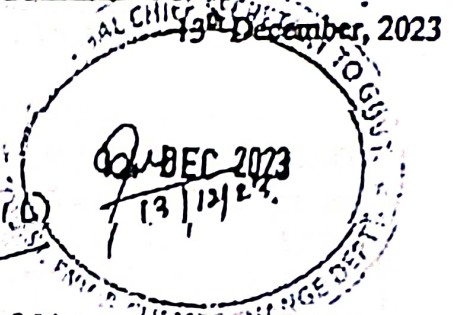




No.5-ORC618/2023-BHU

To

The Ad. Chief Secretary,  
 Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department,  
 Government of Odisha,  
 Kharavel Bhavan, Bhubaneswar- 751001.



Sub: Diversion of 33.152 ha of forest land for construction of Bhubaneswar-Singapur Doubling Railway project from 128.95 Km to 163.725 Km under Rayagada Forest Division by Deputy Chief Engineer (Con)-II, East Coast Railway, Rayagada, Odisha.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0104-2023-24598/FE&CC dated 25.11.2023.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted the above mentioned proposal to this office seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980. On scrutiny of the proposal, the following has been observed.

- a. The State Govt. has identified notified degraded forest land for raising CA in lieu of forest land proposed for diversion. The Nodal Officer (FCA) has accepted the proposal on 09.02.2023, the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 shall apply to the proposal. The exception given for Central Govt. agencies for CA over twice the degraded forest land is not applicable to the instant project, since the instant forest diversion proposal involves 16.503 ha of non-forest land for execution of the project. Therefore, State Govt. should identify equivalent non-forest land for raising CA and submit details CA Scheme with relevant Maps and KML file.
- b. Earlier Ministry vide letter No.8-80/87-FC dated 08.09.1987 has accorded final forest clearance for diversion of 901.55 ha of forest land for construction of Koraput-Rayagada Railway line. The State Govt. has not furnished the status of compliance of stipulated conditions of final forest clearance dated 08.09.1987.

It is therefore requested to kindly furnish information on the above observation to this office for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,  
 Padma Mahanti

(Padma Mahanti)  
 Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

2. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar - 751 023 for kind information and necessary action.
3. The Dy. Chief Engineer (Con-II)/VSKP, East Coast Railway, Rayagada-765001, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)