

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ORISSA,
BHUBANESWAR

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Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 22nd November, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Forest & Environment Department,
Orissa, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 51.783 ha of forest land for construction of Turi-Guntat Irrigation Project in Nabarangpur Block of Nabarangpur District, Odisha (**Proposal No. FP/ OR/ IRRIG/ 13379/ 2015**).

Sir,

In inviting a reference to F&E Department letter No.10F(Cons) 256/2016/16462/ F&E dated 02.09.2016 of Special Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, on the mentioned subject the following point-wise compliances on the deficiencies pointed out are furnished below:-

Observation- (i) The project proposal includes a reservoir as well as canal project where forest land is also required. Since this is a non-site specific project, more than two alternate sites should have been examined and details thereof submitted to ensure avoiding/ minimum use of forest land as per Para 2.1 (3) of FC Act guidelines. Despite mention of several alternative sites examined for this project at page 212/DP, no details of such examination as per above FC Act guidelines has been furnished in the DP to ensure inescapability of forest land shall therefore be furnished.

In compliance to the above, the user agency has submitted necessary compliance which is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

Observation- (ii) It needs to be clarified whether this is a major/ medium irrigation project.

In compliance to the above, the user agency has submitted that this is a Medium Irrigation Project as the CCA is 9135 ha (less than 10,000 ha or above). A brief note on project features has been furnished by user agency which is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Observation- (iii) The project envisages two barrage to be linked by a canal. This project needs 363.309 ha of land including 20.774 ha of forest land for canal project for irrigation. Details of canal project such as its length, width and other relevant information has not been furnished.

In compliance to the above, the user agency has submitted salient features of the project detailing all the information as sought for by the Government which is enclosed as **Annexure- III**.

Observation- (iv) As per report of DFO, Nabarangpur and RCCF, Koraput, 51.783 ha of forest land required for the project includes 7.193 ha of Bikrampur Reserved Forests. However forest land schedule of Bikrampur village authenticated by Tahasildar, Nabarangpur (page 106/DP) does not mention about this extent of land in RF Land schedule of this village needs to mention RF

land duly signed by DFO, Nabarangpur is required to furnish a map (A/4 size) showing boundary pillars of 7.193 ha of RF land required for the project duly authenticated by him.

In compliance to the above, the DFO, Nabarangpur Division has submitted land schedule of forest land including the Reserved Forest & Revenue Forest duly authenticated by him & Tahasildar concerned which is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**. He has also furnished a signed map (A/4 size) showing the boundary pillars of RF involved in the project. The said map is enclosed vide Annexure-V.

In view of the above, point wise compliances to the above deficiencies noticed by the Government along with approved copy of CATP in duplicate are re-submitted for further necessary action at Government level.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: Annexure-I to V
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