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BOUDH FOREST DIVISION, BOUDH

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Memo No. 5228 4F-240/2022 Dt. 24 / 11 / 2022

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub:- **Diversion of 594.618 Ha. (292.289 Ha. in Nayagarh Forest Division and 302.329 Ha. in Boudh Forest Division) of Forest land in connection with Khurda Road-Bolangir New BG Rail Link Project from Km. 112 to 180 under Nayagarh and Boudh Forest Division by East Coast Railway.**

Ref:- Your memo no. 23789 dt. 23.11.2022

With reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, compliance of the observations of REC dt. 15.09.2022 is furnished hereunder for favour of kind information and necessary action.

- 1. As the proposed railway line is in the elephant impact zone and elephant corridor, so elephant overpasses, underpasses and viaducts at appropriate positions as identified by the local Divisional Forest Officer should be constructed, fencing of the railway line towards the sanctuary side should be done so that elephant will not enter the track and will use the under passes and overpasses.**

Dy. Chief Engineer, (Con), East Coast Railway, Boudh has furnished an undertaking in this regard which is enclosed as Annexure-I.

- 2. Speed of the train should be less than 20 Km per hour in the stretch and Forest Department/ Railway Authority should regularly inform each other regarding the movement of elephant so that the train can be stopped without harm to elephants as and when required.**

The condition has already been incorporated in the approved Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan as intimated by Conservator of Forests (Eco Tourism) O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his memo no. 9733 dt. 28.10.2022 to your good office.

3. A Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan should be prepared addressing all the issues raised during the site inspection/REC meeting, not only for safety of elephant but also for all the wildlife found in the locality duly approved by CWLW.

The Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been prepared at this end and approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar addressing the safety of wildlife vide this letter no. 8564 dt. 22.09.2022 and the same has been intimated vide his memo no. 8565 dt. 22.09.2022 to your good office and additional condition *i.e. Speed of the train should be less than 20 Km per hour in the stretch and Forest Department/ Railway Authority should regularly inform each other regarding the movement of elephant so that the train can be stopped without harm to elephants as and when required* has been incorporated in the approved Wildlife Conservation Plan vide his memo no. 9732 dt. 28.10.2022 and the same has been intimated to your good office vide his memo no. 9733 dt. 28.10.2022.

4. From the DSS as well as the site inspection report, it appears that the proposed railway line is very close to the boundary of Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary (From Buguda Colony to Baniguchha, approximately 15 KM). As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order in IA No. 1000 of 2003 dated 03.06.2022, the Railway Authority should realign the above stretch keeping in view the minimum distance 1.00 KM from the boundary of Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary.

Not related to this Division.

Encl: As above


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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his memo no. 4248 dt. 24.11.2022.


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EAST COAST RAILWAY

UNDERTAKING

I Sri R. K. Mohanty, Dy. Chief Engineer/Con/ East Coast Railway, Boudh undertakes to state that, elephant overpasses, underpasses and viaducts at appropriate positions as identified by the Divisional Forest Officer, Boudh Division shall be constructed, fencing of the railway line towards the sanctuary side shall be done in the elephant impact zone and elephant corridor to prevent entry of elephant and to ensure use of the under passes and overpasses.

(R.K.Mohanty)

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पूर्व तट रेलवे, बौद्ध.
Dy. Chief Engineer (Con)
E. Co. Railway, Boudh.

Countersigned

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