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Dated, Bhubaneswar the 22nd November' 2023

From

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur
Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Diversion of Revenue Forest Land over 1.148 ha in village Anajodi for Y-connection railway line by M/s Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh in Rayagada Forest Division– Submission of compliance to GoI observations regarding.

Ref:- Letter No.5-ORB601/2023-BHU dated 29.09.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar letter cited above on the captioned subject, the DFO, Rayagada Forest Division and RCCF, Koraput Circle have furnished the compliance as furnished below:-

Observation-a: *The user agency has not submitted KML file of entire alignment of proposed Y-connectivity project.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the user agency has now submitted the KML file of entire alignment of proposed Y-connectivity of the proposed railway line project in a CD form which is enclosed herewith for reference as **Annexure-A.**

Observation-b: *As per DSS analysis, agricultural encroachment and non-metalled road are observed in the CA patch. This may be clarified by the State Govt. in view of the suitability of CA land and encroachment free land.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the Range Officer, Muniguda Range under Rayagada Forest Division has mentioned in his inspection report vide his memo No.1131 dated 08.11.2023 that the Compensatory Afforestation land is free from encroachment and the non-metalled road observed is a temporary footpath used by local villagers which is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-B.**

In addition to that the User Agency has applied for diversion of forest land to a tune of 1.148 ha of forest land required for this project for which CA land has been submitted over 1.416 ha against the above project which is more than the area proposed for diversion as has been reported by the DFO, Raygada Forest Division vide his memo No.4538 dt.08.11.2023 which is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-C**.

In this context, the compliance to the observations dated 29.09.2023 of Government of India, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl-As above

Yours faithfully

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. *22802* /Dt. *22.11.2023*

Copy alongwith its enclosures forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORB601/2023-BHU dated 29.09.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar communicated vide Memo No. 21129/FE&CC dated 09.10.2023 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Encl-As above

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. *22803* /Dt. *22.11.2023*

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3790 dated 13.11.2023.

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. *22804* /Dt. *22.11.2023*

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Raygada Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.3791 dated 13.11.2023 of RCCF, Koraput Circle to his address.

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. *22805* /Dt. *22.11.2023*

Copy forwarded to the Director, Alumina Expansion Projects, M/s Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, Dist:Kalahandi-766027 for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 21129/FE&CC dated 09.10.2023 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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