



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

Memo No. 20/27 /9F (Ind)-371/2018
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 29th September, 2018

From,

Sri Jitendra Kumar, IFS,
Addl. PCCF, (FD & NO, FC Act)

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest & Environment Department,
Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Diversion of 75.635 ha of forest land within the limits of Paradip Port Trust at Paradip coming under jurisdiction of Rajnagar Mangrove Division / Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha for development of outer Harbour, Inner Harbour including Western Dock & mechanization of existing operational berth by M/s Paradip Port Trust (Proposal No. FP/OR/Others/26300/2017)

Sir,

In inviting a reference to F&E Department letter No.10F(Cons)150/2018-17888/F&E dated 14.08.2018 of Special Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, on the captioned subject, the following compliances on the deficiencies pointed out therein are furnished below.

For development of Outer Harbour, Inner Harbour including Western Dock & mechanization of existing operation berth at Paradip Port by M/s Paradip Port Trust, Odisha required diversion of 75.635 ha of Jungle-2 (Revenue Forest Land) in village Sandhakud under Kujang Tahasil of Jagatsinghpur district. The item-wise break-up of the forest land proposed for diversion comprises of Rail-Cum-Road connectivity (Transport Corridor) over 21.250 ha and expansion of Inner Harbour including Western Dock & Stock yard over 54.285 ha.

A. Rail cum Road Connectivity (Transport Corridor):-21.250 ha

The User Agency has reported that in the applied area proposed for diversion for rail cum road connectivity several structures Petrol Pump, BSNL Office, Port Quarters, Police Station, Aahar Kendra, Bus stop etc are existing. The details of the structures to be removed / dismantled for installing the project proposed under this proposal and the extent of forest land out of 21.385 ha forest land used for above purpose whether prior to 25.10.1980 or after 25.10.1980 is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

- (i) **Truck Terminal:-** The User Agency has reported that the truck terminal is a vacant land without any structure where trucks are sometimes parked while waiting for entry into Harbour area since operation of the Port i.e. 1966. The extent of forest area under use is 0.857 ha and has been in use prior to 25.10.1980

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- (ii) **Electric Sub-station:-** The User Agency has reported that the Electric Sub-station is an old structure constructed during construction period of the Port prior to 1970s. Subsequently, it was repaired, maintained and renovated. The Electric Sub-station is a very old building and the supporting documents were lost during Super Cyclone of 1999. The electrical sub-station will be removed and relocated. The monetary value of the structure is Rs.1.2 Crore. The extent of forest area under use by this structure is 0.0696 ha and has been in use prior to 25.10.1980.
- (iii) **Petrol Pump:-** The User Agency has reported that it is a vacant land and no structure fall within the proposed forest land. The extent of forest area under use is 0.0020 ha and has been in use prior to 25.10.1980.
- (iv) **BSNL Office:-** The User Agency has reported that the main building of BSNL Office having telephone exchange and the other important branch is outside the limit of proposed forest land and will be retained but the annexed building shall be removed and readjusted within the available space. The copy of the lease deed between BSNL and Paradip Port Trust is enclosed as **Annexure- A1**. The BSNL Office will be removed and the monetary value of the structure is Rs.0.7684 Crores. The extent of forest area under use by this structure is 0.0452 ha and has been in use prior to 25.10.1980.
- (v) **Port Quarters:-** The User Agency has reported that the structure is the oldest part of the township project and not in good condition and will be relocated suitably. The Port quarters are very old quarters and the supporting documents were lost during Super Cyclone of 1999. The port quarters will be removed and relocated and the monetary value of the structure is Rs.1.57 Crores. The extent of forest area under use by this structure is 0.0929 ha and has been in use prior to 25.10.1980.
- (vi) **Police Station:-** The User Agency has reported that the existing structure though initially constructed at the beginning of the Port during 1960s but renovated, maintained and repaired from time to time. The Paradip Police Station has been notified vide Notification No.12794/P dated 19.05.1964 of Govt. of Odisha which was communicated by Superintendent of Police, Jagatsinghpur vide letter No.700/E dated 04.05.2009 which is enclosed as **Annexure-A2**. The Police Station will be removed and relocated and the monetary value of the structure is Rs.0.5 Crores. The extent of forest area under use by this structure is 0.003 ha and has been in use prior to 25.10.1980.

- (vii) **Aahar Kendra:-** The User Agency has reported that the Aahar Kendra, a pre-fabricated structure installed over the plinth of an old and damaged building constructed during 1970s was established at the request of Collector, Jagatsinghpur to facilitate a social welfare scheme of the State Government. The copy of the letter of Collector, Jagatsinghpur vide his letter No.38 dated 14.01.2016 is enclosed as **Annexure-A3**. The Aahar Kendra will be relocated and the monetary value of the structure is Rs.0.10 Crores. The extent of forest area under use by this structure is 0.0018 ha and has been in use after 25.10.1980.
- (viii) **Bus Stand:-** The User Agency has reported that it is a vacant land and is utilized for parking of buses. Since it is an old bus stand no documentary proof is available. No removal or dismantle of structure is required. The extent of forest area under use is 0.7245 ha and has been in use prior to 25.10.1980.

Out of the total forest land of 21.250 ha involved for Rail-Cum-Road connectivity (Transport Corridor), the extent of forest area under use is 1.176 ha.


B. Expansion Of Inner Harbour Including Western Dock & Stock Yard over 54.285 Ha

The User Agency has reported that the Stock Yard for Coal & Gypsum is neither any platform nor shed structure. Only vacant land is used for stacking coal etc as and when required, awaiting for evacuation of cargo from the Harbour area. The area is in use since 1966 i.e. from the date of operation of the Port. No removal or dismantle is not necessary. The extent of forest area under use is 5.0 ha and has been in use prior to 25.10.1980

In view of the above compliances to the deficiencies raised by Government of Odisha, Forest & Environment Department, regarding diversion of 75.635 ha of forest land within the limits of Paradip Port Trust at Paradip coming under jurisdiction of Rajnagar Mangrove Division/ Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha for development of outer Harbour, Inner Harbour including Western Dock & mechanization of existing operational berth by M/s Paradip Port Trust is sent herewith in triplicate for consideration of Government and onward transmission of the proposal to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India for necessary approval under Section- 2 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully

Encl: Compliance in triplicate


 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
 Forest Diversion & Nodal Office, F. C. Act
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Memo. 20129 Dt. 29-9-18

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Forest Division (WL) Rajnagar for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.4143 dated 24.09.2018 of RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle to his address.

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