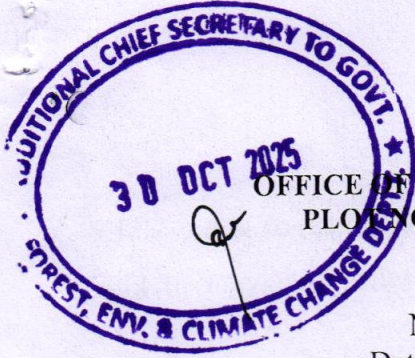




STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF
PLOT NO. GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR
BHUBANESWAR-751023

E-mail:- nodal.pccfodisha@gmail.com

No. /9F (School) – 392/2022
Dated, Bhubaneswar the October' 2025

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 0.890 ha (map area 0.894 ha) of Revenue Forest Land for establishment of Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management at Maharajpur, Po-Takatpur in the District of Mayurbhanj under the jurisdiction of Baripada Forest Division – Compliance to GoI observations regarding.

Ref-: Letter No. 5-OR632/2024-BHU dated 18.02.2025 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has requested to furnish compliance to 2 (two) nos. of observations. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of the DFO, Baripada Forest Division and FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle are as follows:-

Observation (a)-: The State Govt. has not furnished the detailed action taken report against the erring official responsible for causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry use without prior approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Compliance: In compliance to the observation, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the Collector & District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj vide Letter No.4611/Rev dated 24.09.2025 has submitted a detailed action taken report which is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

Observation (b)-: The State Govt. has not intimated the name of person / designation who has allotted the instant forest land to the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the observation, the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the Collector & District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj has submitted the name of person/ designation of the official vide letter No.4611/Rev dated 24.09.2025 which is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations of Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar dated 18.02.2025 is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl- Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 21857

/Dt. 29-10-2025

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 5-OR632/2024-BHU dated 18.02.2025 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Memo No.

/Dt.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Copy forwarded to the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.4103 dated 04.10.2025.

Memo No.

/Dt.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Baripada Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4104 dated 04.10.2025 of FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle.

Memo No.

Dt.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management, At-Maharajpur, Po-Takatpur, Dist-Mayurbhanj-757003 for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.4106 dated 04.10.2025 of FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

DISTRICT OFFICE: MAYURBHANJ : BARIPADA:

No. 4611 /Rev.

Di. 24/09/2025/11

Annexure-I

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF,
Odisha.

Sub:

Regarding proposal for Diversion of 0.890ha Revenue forest land at mouza-Maharajpur under Baripada Forest Division for establishment of Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management, Baripada at mouza-Maharajpur in Baripada Forest Division in the District of Mayurbhanj.

Ref:

Memo No.4906/FE & CC dated-27.02.2025 of the Forest Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In Inviting a kind reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am to say that the observation of the Ministry of Environment , Forest & Climate Change , Govt. of India was examined /verified by the Tahasildar, Baripada and furnished the compliance vide letter No.4944 dt.24.07.2025 on the observation made in the proposal of Diversion of 0.890ha of Revenue Forest Land at mouza-Maharajpur under Baripada Forest Division for establishment of Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management, Baripada. The details of compliance are as follows.

It is reported that the following land schedule in Mouza Maharajpur was approved in the District Site Selection Committee meeting held on 05.06.2002 under the Chairmanship of the Collector & District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj for establishment of Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management, Baripada.

LAND SCHEDULE

Mouza	Khata No.	Hal Plot No.	Hal Kisam	Area (in Ac.)
Maharajpur PS -Baripada	127 (Anabadi)	512/1	Patit	Ac.1.530dec
		786/1	Patit	Ac.0.67dec
		Total		Ac.2.20dec

Since the Hal status of the said land was deemed leasable, Lease Case No. 06/2002 was initiated for lease out the above government land in favour of the Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management, Baripada on 05.06.2002. In the meanwhile, administrative approval for construction of a boundary wall was granted under the MLALAD scheme by the then Collector & District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj vide order dated 03.05.2003. Based on requisition from the P.A., ITDA, Baripada (the executing agency), the land was demarcated for construction purposes.

It is pertinent to mention that although the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 came into effect on 25.10.1980, in the absence of clear guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes, necessary clarifications were issued by the Revenue & Disaster Management Department in subsequent years vide letters No. 17450 dated 17.06.2014, No. 22958 dated 04.08.2014, No. 31312 dated 24.10.2014, and No. 4822 dated 12.02.2015. Upon receipt of clarification from the Chief Secretary of Odisha vide Letter No. 4822 dated 12.02.2015, the procedural uncertainties regarding diversion of forest land were resolved.

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Subsequently, the Sabak report from the Settlement Office was obtained on 06.05.2019 through a certified copy submitted by the User Agency, which confirmed that the Sabak Kisam of the land is "Jungle". Therefore, it is clarified that the Forest (Conservation) Act was not enforced earlier due to the lack of clear directives.

Further, clarification was also sought by the Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj from the Revenue & Disaster Management Department vide Letter No. 3170/Rev. dated 07.12.2019. Upon receipt of clarification from the R&DM Department vide Letter No. 12667/R&DM dated 16.03.2020 (copy enclosed), the User Agency/Secretary, MCAM, was requested to submit a formal application to the DFO, Baripada for diversion of the said forest land. The forest diversion proposal is now under active process.

Additionally, it is brought to your kind notice that the following officers held in the charge of Tahasildar, Baripada during the relevant period:

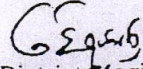
1. Sri Ananta Kumar Bhuyan, OAS, from 03.04.2001 to 04.09.2002
2. Sri Uttam Ch. Mohapatra, OAS, from 04.09.2002 to 13.06.2003

The Revenue Inspector concerned at the time of site selection was Sri Santosh Kumar Dasbabu.

This is submitted for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

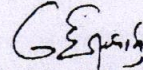
Yours faithfully,


Collector & District Magistrate,
Mayurbhanj

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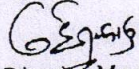
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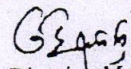
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Copy submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to your letter No.2097/4F dt.12.03.2025.


Collector & District Magistrate,
Mayurbhanj

Memo No. 4614 / Dt. 27/09/2025 //

Copy submitted to the Sub-Collector, Baripada/ Tahasildar, Baripada for information and necessary action with reference to letter No.4944 dt.24.07.2025 of Tahasildar, Baripada.


Collector & District Magistrate,
Mayurbhanj



OFFICE OF THE TAHASILDAR, BARIPADA

No. 1941 /Dt. 21.01.25 //

To

The Additional District Magistrate,
Mayurbhanj.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.890 ha. Revenue Forest land for establishment of
Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management, Baripada.

Ref: District Office Letter No. 805/Rev. dated 21.03.2024.

Sir,

In inviting a kind reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am to furnish herewith the compliance as follows against the objection raised in the Diversion proposal of 0.890 ha. of Revenue Forest land in Mouza Maharajpur for establishment of Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management, Baripada under Baripada Forest Division in the district of Mayurbhanj.

It is stated that the following land schedule in Mouza Maharajpur was approved in the District Site Selection Committee meeting held on 05.06.2002 under the Chairmanship of the Collector & District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj for establishment of Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management, Baripada.

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It is pertinent to mention that although the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 came into effect on 25.10.1980, in the absence of clear guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes, necessary clarifications were issued by the Revenue & Disaster Management Department in subsequent years vide letters No. 17450 dated 17.06.2014, No. 22958 dated 04.08.2014, No. 31312 dated 24.10.2014, and No. 4822 dated 12.02.2015. Upon receipt of clarification from the Chief Secretary of Odisha vide Letter No. 4822 dated 12.02.2015, the procedural uncertainties regarding diversion of forest land were resolved.

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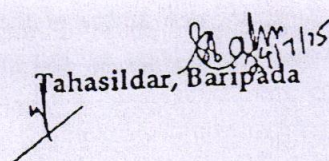
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Yours faithfully,

Encl:- As above


Tahasildar, Baripada

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

No. RDM-LRGEB-MBJ-0034-2016-12667 /R&DM Dated 16.11.2020

From
Sri A.K Nayak, OAS (SAG),
Additional Secretary to Government

To

The Collector, Mayurbhanj

Sub: Sanction of lease of Govt. land measuring Ac.2.200 in Mouza-
Maharajpur, Dist.-Mayurbhanj in favour of Mayurbhanj College of
Accountancy & Management (MCAM), Baripada.

Ref: Letter No.3170/Rev, dtd.07.12.2019 of ADM, Mayurbhanj

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that as per this Department G.O No. 4822/CS dated 12/02/2015 issued under the signature of Chief Secretary, Odisha, a land which has been classified as 'forest' as on 25.10.1980 is to be treated as forest irrespective of the fact that the classification has been changed to non-forest kisam subsequently by a statutory process. Where the present RoR of a land has been published after 25.10.1980, the old RoR has to be referred to in order to ascertain if such land was forest as on 25.10.1980. And if the land was forest as on the date 25.10.1980, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be applicable and forest diversion has to be done accordingly.

2. In the present case, though the process of settlement operation started from 1975, the final RoR was published during 1985 i.e. after 25.10.1980. So, as per the circular issued by Chief Secretary, the old RoR has to be referred to. In the old RoR i.e. in the Sabik record, the kisam of the land was forest. Thus, FC Act, 1980 will be applicable in the present case.

3. You are, therefore, requested to advise the College authorities to apply before the Nodal Officer authorized by the State Government to deal with forest conservation matters under the FC Act, 1980 by following due procedure as prescribed in rule 6 of the FC Rules, 2003 to use the forest land in question for non-forest purpose. This shall be subject to the condition that the user agency

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i.e. Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy & Management (MCAM), Baripada shall provide required extent of land for compensatory afforestation purpose which is to be mutated in the name of Forest & Environment Department. On the other hand, if the user agency is unable to provide such land and if suitable Govt. land is available, Revenue & D.M. Department may provide such required land to the user agency for compensatory afforestation purpose subject to payment of premium of the land by the user agency.

Yours faithfully,
16/3/2020
Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No. 12668 /RDM Dated 16 Mar 2020

Copy forwarded to RDC (C.D.), Cuttack for information and necessary action.

16/3/2020
Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No. 12669 /RDM Dated 16 Mar 2020

Copy forwarded to Tahasildar, Baripada/ Secretary, Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy & Management (MCAM), Maharajpur, Baripada, Mayurbhanj-757003 for information and necessary follow up action.

16/3/2020
Additional Secretary to Government