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Dated, Bhubaneswar the 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.

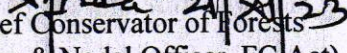
Compliance: In compliance to the above the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the Range Officer, Muniguda Range under Rayagada Forest Division has mentioned in his inspection report vide his memo No.1131 dated 08.11.2023 that the Compensatory Afforestation land is free from encroachment and the non-metalled 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

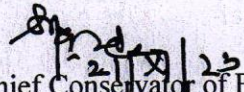
Yours faithfully


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

Memo No. 22802 /Dt. 22.11.2023

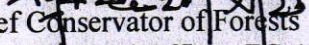
Copy alongwith its enclosures forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORB601/2023-BHU dated 29.09.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF& CC,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

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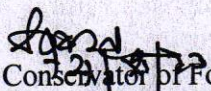
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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3790 dated 13.11.2023.


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

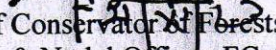
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Raygada Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.3791 dated 13.11.2023 of RCCF, Koraput Circle to his address.


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

Memo No. /Dt.

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.


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

Annexure B

OFFICE OF THE FOREST RANGE OFFICE: MUNIGUDA RANGE

Memo No. 1131 //

Dated. 08/11/2023

To


The Divisional Forest Officer,
Rayagada Forest Division.

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of forest land over 1.148 ha in the village Anajore for Y connection railway line by M/s Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh.


Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I along with the Forester Ambodala Section visited the site proposed for Compensatory Afforestation against the Project for diversion of forest land for construction of Y connection railway line by M/s Vedanta Limited, I have inspected site with observation point no- 2 and found that the CA land is free from encroachment and the non-metalled road is temporary foot path used by the local villagers.

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


Forester
Ambodala Section

Yours Faithfully,


Forest Range Officer,
Muniguda Range.

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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER: RAYAGADA DIVISION

Memo No. 4538 /4F (Misc) 1745 / 2023.
Dated, Rayagada the 08th November, 2023.

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Koraput Circle, Koraput

Sub: -

Proposal for diversion of forest land over 1.148 ha. in the village Anajore for Y connection railway line by M/s. Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh in Rayagada Forest Division.
(Proposal No. FP/OR/RAIL/150861/2022, State SL No. OR-04/2022)

Ref: -

Your memo no.3458 dt.19.10.2023 and Memo No.20643 Dt.17.10.2023 of the CF(Nodal), O/O the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar to your address.

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In inviting a kind reference to the above cited subject, this is to inform you that, the user agency has submitted the KML file of entire alignment of Y-Connectivity project in CD drive as compliance to observation point no-(a).

The Range Officer, Muniguda Range inspection report mentioned that, the Compensatory Afforestation land is free from encroachment and the non-metalled road observed is temporary footpath used by the local villagers. Also the user agency has applied for diversion of forest land for a tune of 1.148 Ha. and the CA land submitted is 1.416 Ha.. As the area of Compensatory Afforestation land is more than the area proposed for diversion, the compliance submitted for observation point no-(b) may be considered.

Hence, the compliance along with documents (in 4 sets) is submitted herewith for your information and onward transmission.

- Encl: - 1. KML file in CD drive (4 No's).
- 2. Inspection report (4 No's).

[Signature]
Divisional Forest Officer
Rayagada Division

Memo No 4539 Date 08.11.2023

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, (Nodal), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for favour of kind information with reference to his memo no.20642 dt.17.10.2023.

[Signature]
Divisional Forest Officer,
Rayagada Division

Memo No 4540 Date 08.11.2023

Copy forwarded to the Director, Alumina Expansion Projects, M/s Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, Dist: Kalahandi for information with reference to memo No. 20644 dt.17.10.2023 of the Conservator of Forests, (Nodal), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha to his address.

[Signature]
Divisional Forest Officer,
Rayagada Division

