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To

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

Sub;-

Proposal for Diversion of 32.717 ha Revenue Forest land in Mouza Harapur, Harekrushnapur, Durgapur and Alkar under Jatani Tahasil in khordha District for Establishment of Infovally Electronics Manufacturing cluster.

Proposal No. FP/OR/IND/19440/2016, State SL.No.066/2017 dated.15.11.2017.

Ref:

(I) Your Memo No.21159 dt.30.10.2023.

(II) Memo No 8605 dt.22.11.2023 of D.F.O, City Forest Division.

(III) Memo No.7824 dt.18.12.2023 of D.F.O, khordha Forest Division

In inviting a reference to the above cited correspondence on the captioned subject, it is to inform that the DFO City Forest & Khordha Forest Divisions has furnished the point-wise compliance of the discrepancies observed by C.F(nodal) O/o P.C.C.F, Odisha, Bhubaneswar to this office during the course of scrutiny of Diversion Proposal.

The point wise compliances of the discrepancies observed submitted by DFO are furnished as follows.

Point No. (i):- Checklist has not been signed by RCCF, Bhubaneswar.

<u>Compliance:-</u> The Checklist has been signed by RCCF, Bhubaneswar Copy of which is enclosed as Annexure -1

Point No. (ii):- DFO, City forest Division has neither in form-I(part-II) nor in his site inspection Report has mentioned about the Eco-Value Class of the forest land proposed for Diversion. Without this, it would be difficult to calculate the NPV.

<u>Compliance:-</u> The forest area proposed for Diversion for Infovally Project of IDCO is dry deciduous type. As per guide line for calculation of NPV a Tropical dry deciduous of forest comes under category of Eco-Class - III. Hence the forest in village Harapur, Harekrushnapur, Durgapur & Alkar are coming under Eco-class-III.

Point. No. (iii):- Form-I (Part-III) has not been signed by the RCCF, Bhubaneswar.

<u>Compliance:-</u> Form-I (Part-III) has been signed by the RCCF, Bhubaneswar which is enclosed as

Point. No. (iv):- Tree enumeration has been taken up in the applied forest land. But in site inspection report DFO, City forest division has mentioned that No vegetation Growth is there over the forest land applied for diversion. Clarification in this regard is required.

<u>Compliance</u> -There is no tree vegetation over on non-forest area involved with Infovally project of IDCO" No vegetation Growth is there over the forest land" applied for diversion is a typographical error.

Point. No. (v):- No tree enumeration has been taken up over the non-forest land of 255.877 ha involved in the proposal.

<u>Compliance:</u> there is no vegetation over non-forest area involved with infovally project, so no trees are there to enumerate.

Point. No. (vi):- DFO City Forest Division is supposed to estimate the cost of the forest proposed diversion. But as per the enclosed documents it is envisaged that the project proponent has estimated the cost of the forest required for calculation of the C-B analysis.

Compliance:- The User Agency duly authenticated by DFO City Forest Division has submitted the

estimation of cost of forest diversion which is enclosed as Annexure -3 in DP

Point. No. (vii):-One DGPS index map only in respect of forest land proposed for diversion is enclosed in the proposal .ORSAC vetted DGPS map of forest land pertaining to individual village proposed for diversion is required to be enclosed in the diversion proposal.

Compliance:- The user agency has submitted authenticated ORSAC vetted DGPS surveyed maps of the individual village i.e Harapur, Harekrushnapur, Durgapur and Alkar Copy of which is enclosed as

Annexure -4 in the DP

Point. No..(viii):- copy of the application made to obtain EC for the project is required to be enclosed.

Compliance:- EC was obtained by the UA for the project vide letter No.292 dt.02.08.20210 of SEIAA which has been expired. Now the User Agency has applied for the extension. Copy of which is enclosed as Annexure -5.

Point. No. (ix):- The distance of boundary of Chandaka WL Sanctuary from the applied site has not mentioned anywhere. Further, a Map showing the distance of the boundary of the PA from the applied site to be furnished.

Compliance:- The distance of boundary of Mendhasal Reserve Forest (nearest to project) has been mentioned in Part-II(SL.No.9) However, it is mentioned here that the boundary of Chandaka(WL) Sanctuaries is Appx 3.605 KM from project boundary, Copy of the map which is enclosed as Annexure -6

Point. No. (x):- Non-forest Govt. land over 32.388 ha in village Chandapur & over 10.777 ha in village Barasahi has been identified DFO, khordha Forest Division has also furnished the site suitability certificate. Why DFO, Khordha has preferred to take up AR plantation over DFL. in Pangarsingh R.F @ 1600 plants/ha without doing DSS analysis to the identified Govt. non-forest CA land.

Compliance:-

- DSS analysis of 10.777 ha Chandpur village shows the areas is devoid of vegetation and suitable for block plantation. Therefore AR Plantation@1600 plants per ha is suggested.
- DSS analysis of 32.388 ha in Barasahi village shows that the area partly scrub forest and partly open forest. The area was inspected by the DFO khordha Forest on 18.12.2023 & found that the area having scattered tree growth and bushes and suitable for gap plantation @200 seedling with soil and moisture conservation & fencing. To compensate no of seedlings @1000 seedling /ha diverted area the degraded forest block of pangarsingh RF(9.896 ha) selected and as per DSS analysis and field inspection the area was found suitable for block plantation@1600 seedling/ha.

DSS analysis of 9.896 ha area in Pangarsingh RF shows that the area is scrub and mostly devoid

Point. No. (xi):- it is proposed to take up AR plantation over 20.673 ha both on Govt. non-forest land & DFL on Pangarsingh RF Fencing provision is proposed for 9.896 ha AR plantation to be taken up in RF what about the fencing to AR plantation proposed to be taken up over 10.777 ha non-forest Govt. land in village Barasahi..

Compliance:- Chain link wiremesh fencing is proposed for AR plantation of 10.777 ha @1600 plants per ha. in Chandpur village & ANR Plantation of 32.388 ha. @200 plants in Barasahi village per ha due to high biotic interference in identified non-forest CA area.

Point. No.. (xii):- Bamboo twigs fencing may be prescribed on degraded forest land on Pangarsingh RF instead of Chain link wire mesh fencing.

Compliance:- Bamboo twigs fencing has been now prescribed for Degraded Forest Land in Pangarsingh RF instead of Chain link wireless fencing in CA Scheme.

Point. No. (xili):- KML/file/Shape file of the identified CA land and PDF of the project has not been provided.

Compliance:- KML/file/Shape file of the identified CA land and PDF of the project has been provided by the UA copy of which is enclosed as Annexure -7

The revised Compensatory Afforastration Scheme for AR Plantation over 20.673 ha. & ANR plantation 32.388 has been submitted & enclosed as Annexure-8.

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