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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 32.717 ha Revenue forest land in Mouza Harapur, Harekrushnapur, Durgapur and Alkar under Jatani Tahasil of Khordha District for establishment of Info-valley Electronics Manufacturing Cluster – Submission of compliance to GoI observations regarding.**

Ref:- Letter No.5-ORC635/2024-BHU dated 29.02.2024 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), 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 compliance basing on the reports of DFO, City Forest Division and RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle is furnished below:-

Observation (a):- Since, the instant project is a non-site specific in nature, detail justification for locating the project in the forest area giving details of the alternative non-forest area examined and reasons for their rejection has not been furnished with the proposal.

Compliance:- The RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle has reported that 03 sites were identified initially in between Khordha and Bhubaneswar nearer to NH-5. The identified sites area shown on Topo Sheet No.F45T12 in 1:50,000 Scale. The reasons of non-acceptance of Site No.-1 and site No.-2 are explained below.

Site No.-1:- It was a large chunk of agriculture land with thickly populated habitations with numerous building and trees. So, it is not possible to take up the project here due to huge relocation and public resentment.

Site no.-2:- It is a thickly populated area with large number houses and business establishments, which needs large relocation and public resentment. Hence, it is not feasible for the project.

Due to the above stated reasons site No.-1 and site No.-2 were not selected. So, it was decided to take up proposed site with 32.717 ha forest Kisam land. Soft copy of the alternatives

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examined has been provided by the user agency in shape of **CD** enclosed to the compliance. The detailed of the justification along with the Topo map showing the alternatives examined is enclosed as **Annexure-I**

Observation (b):- *The State Govt. has not furnished the tree enumeration list in respect of non-forest land involved in the project.*

Compliance: - During scrutiny of the proposal EDS was raised from this office on this as point no. (v) on dt. 30.10.2023. The RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle vide his office memo no. 60 dt.03.01.2024 in compliance to the EDS had complied that there is no tree over non-forest land 255.877 ha involved in Info-valley project. Hence, tree enumeration over non-forest land involved in the project is not required. The document in support of the report of the RCCF, Bhubaneswar is enclosed as **Annexure-II.**

Observation (c):- *The concerned DFO has not uploaded the KML files, Sol Toposheet, DGPS map of proposed CA/Addl. CA areas and CA/Addl. Scheme in Parivesh web portal.*

Compliance: - EDS was raised from this office on 30.10.2023 in item no.-13 to provide the KML file/Shp file of the identified CA land of the project. As the CA land has been identified under the jurisdiction of the DFO, Khordha division hence, DFO Khordha vide L. No.7823 addressed to RCCF, Bhubaneswar has furnished the compliance and uploaded the details of the KML file, Topo Map of the identified CA land In the Parivesh web Portal. The RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle has reported that the DFO, Khordha Forest Division has uploaded the KML files, Sol Topo sheet, DGPS map of proposed CA/ Addl. CA areas and CA/ Addl. CA schemes in Parivesh web portal enclosed as **Annexure-III.**

Observation (d):- *The user agency has not submitted the KML/shape file of non-forest land/degraded forest land identified for CA/Addl. C.A. and entire project area with the proposal.*

Compliance:- The RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted the KML/ Shape file of non-forest land/ degraded forest land identified for CA/ Addl. CA which has been uploaded in the portal.

In view of the above, the compliance to Govt. of India observations dated 29.02.2024 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. 13343 /Dt. 05-07-2024


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-ORC635/2024-BHU dated 29.02.2024 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar and Memo No. 4219/FE&CC dated 11.03.2024 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Encl-As above


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)


Memo No. 13344 /Dt. 05-07-2024

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 1933 dated 13.06.2024.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)


Memo No. 13345 /Dt. 05-07-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, City Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1934 dated 13.06.2024 of RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)


Memo No. 13346 /Dt. 05-07-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Khordha Forest Division for information and necessary action.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 13347 Dt. 05-07-2024

Copy forwarded to the Chief General Manager (Environment), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Janpath, Odisha, Bhubaneswar-751022 for information and necessary action with reference to letter No.5-ORC635/2024-BHU dated 29.02.2024 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar and Memo No. 1935 dated 13.06.2024 of RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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