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To Memo No. 1620/5F-FC-11/2024 Dated- 04.5.24

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

Sub: - Submission of revised proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 87.520 ha of forest Land construction of Hidsingh irrigation Project including Alternate Road in Angul Forest Division under Angul District:- Submission of compliance report observations made by the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government of Odisha, FE & CC, Department.

Ref: 2. Memo No. 6303 dt. 30.03.2024 of OSD-cum-SS to Govt. of Odisha.  
3. Your Memo No. 7498/9F(IRRIG)349/2021 dated . 05. 04. 2024 .

In inviting a reference to the above cited memos on the subject this is to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division vide his Memo No. 3060 dated 24.4.2024 (**Copy enclosed**) has submitted point-wise compliance on the observation made by Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Department vide memo under reference. The point-wise compliance is furnished below :-

**Observation in point No. (1)**

In the forwarding letter, in the 1<sup>st</sup> para of Page No.1, it has been mentioned that proposal for diversion of 87.520 ha of forest land (RF & PRF-38.619 ha + Rev. Forest-7.449 ha + Private Forest-21.902 ha +DLC forest-19.550 ha) for construction of Hidsingh Irrigation Project including Alternate Road in Angul Forest Division under Angul District by Executive Engineer, Cuttack investigation Division, Cuttack of Water Resource Department, Govt. of Odisha is forwarded herewith in triplicate for obtaining approval of Government of India, MoEF& CC under Section-2 of the FCA, 1980 which has also been mentioned under the heading Brief Description at Page No.2 and the table regarding village wise break-up of forest land involved in this project (Table-1) at Page No.8.

But, under the heading **5. Forest land**, it has been stated that the forest land 87.520 ha comprises 38.619 Ha of Reserved Forest (Bhogapala RF-7.699 ha + Krishnachakra PRF-27.246 ha + Balanga RF-3.661 ha + Madhapur RF-0.016 ha), revenue forest (7.276 Ha), Private Forest (22.075 ha) and DLC forest (19.55 ha) located in 15 villages. The same has also been mentioned in Table-2 (Page No. 8) regarding the Tahasil-wise break-up of the forest and non-forest land involved in this project under Angul.

Compliance

In response to this observation, the User Agency has clarified that in the above Point No. 1, it is proposed to divert a total of 87.520 ha of forest land for the construction of the Hidsing Irrigation Project, including the Alternative Road. The details of categories wise forest land are mentioned below: -

S. No.	Type of Forest Land	Area in Ha
1	R F & PRF	38.619
2	Revenue Forest	7.449
3	Private Forest	21.902
4	DLC Forest	19.550
<b>Total</b>		<b>87.520</b>

The details of forest land submitted by the user agency are enclosed herewith as **Annexure - A**.

Accordingly, in the heading **No. 5. Forest land** mentioned in letter No. 6128/9F(Irrg)-41/2019, dated 14.03.2024 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal FC Act, O/o the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar is requested to revise the category-wise forest area.

**Observation in point No. (2)**

Further, in Part-II of the DFO, Angul Forest Division (Page No.259/DP), it has been stated in Point No.7 (v)- Legal status of forest land that 21.902 Ha of private forest and 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest are required for the project, but in the Statement Showing Details of Forest Area Proposed for Diversion (Page No.34/DP), duly countersigned by DFO, Angul Division, 22.075 ha of Private Forest and 7.276 ha of Revenue Forest are required for the said purpose.

Compliance

In response to this observation, it is clarified that in Part-II of the DFO, Angul Division, it has been stated in Point No.7 (v) that legal status of the forest land is 21.902 ha under Private Forest Land and 7.449 ha under Revenue Forest Land category. Further, on scrutiny of the Statement Showing the Forest Land (Check List No.7), actually 21.902 ha of Private Forest Land and 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest land are required for diversion. The revised statement showing the details of Forest Land (Check List No.7) submitted by the user agency is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-A**.

**Observation in point No. (3)**

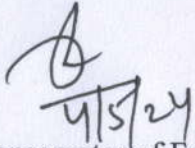
Also, in the Site Inspection Report of DFO, Angul Division (page No.263-265/DP), Point No.6 shows that, 7.276 ha of Revenue Forest and 22.075 ha of Private Forest are proposed for diversion, which contradicts Point No.8 (item-wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion), which indicate that 21.902 ha of Private Forest & 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest are required for the project.

Compliance.

In response to this observation, it is clarified that upon scrutiny of the site inspection report, Point No.8 (item-wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion), which indicates that 21.902 ha of Private Forest & 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest are required for the project is correct.

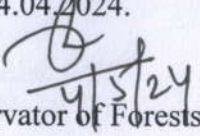
In view of the above compliance, the Annexures submitted by the DFO, Angul Forest Division is forwarded herewith in triplicate for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl: - As above.

  
Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Angul.

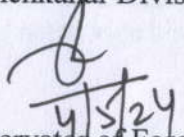
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3060 dated 24.04.2024.

  
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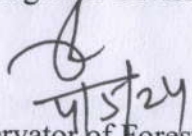
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Memo No. 1626 / Dated. 04.5.24

Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division for information and necessary action .

  
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