



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,  
BHUBANESWAR

Memo No.  
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the

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August, 2021

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C),  
MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, IRO,  
A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar

**Sub: Diversion of 133.579 ha including re-diversion of 12.304 ha of forest land for widening and strengthening of Tomka-Mangalpur Road (ODR) to 4 lane without paved shoulder from 0 Km to 45.100 Km (revised 43.00 Km) in Jajpur District Odisha by executive Engineer, Panikoili (R&B) Division, Panikoili, Jajpur.**

Madam,

In inviting reference to F&E Department Memo No.10F(Cons)37/2021-10739/F&E dated 21.06.2021 and F. No.5-ORA462/2021-BHU dated 04.05.2021 of Government of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar on the above mentioned subject, the following observations raised by Government of India are furnished below:-

**Observation No. 1,** The State Government has identified 90.13 ha of notified degraded forest land in Hajaredangar PRF & Banipanga PRF of Rayagada Forest Division to accommodate balance 54.053 nos. of seedlings. Instead of identified Notified degraded forest land, State Govt. may identify degraded Revenue forest land to accommodate balance seedlings and submit revised CA scheme accordingly.

In this context, it is to inform that total forest land involved in this project is 133.579 ha. Out of total forest land of 133.579 ha, forest land to the extent of 126 ha is identified for CA in Rayagada Forest Division.

The no. of plants required to be planted over 126.0 ha is 1,26,000 no. The DFO Rayagada Forest Division has proposed to take up Block Plantation @ 1000 plants/ha over 35.912 ha and ANR with gap plantation @ 400 plants per ha over 90.088 ha in the identified CA land. So, no. of plants proposed to be planted is 71,947 nos. As the requisite no. of plants @ 1000 per ha cannot be planted in the non-forest land identified for taking up CA, the balance no. of plants will be planted in degraded forest land as per the prescription of working plan. Thus, to accommodate balance plants i.e. 54,053 nos. (1,26,000 – 71,947), the DFO Rayagada has identified DFL in Hajaredangar PRF over 45.13 ha wherein he has proposed to take up ANR with gap plantation @ 400 plants per ha and

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to take up over 45 ha ANR with gap plantation @ 800 plants per ha in Banipanga PRF as per para-2.8 (i) of Comprehensive Guideline issued by Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide letter F. No.5-2/2017 dated 28.03.2019. The instruction of IRO, MoEF & CC are in contravention of MoEF guidelines.

In this regard, the Nodal Officer has approved financial outlay of CA scheme over an area of 126.00 ha of Government non-forest land and 90.13 ha of degraded forest land identified in Rayagada Forest Division at the wage of Rs. 308/- MD amounting to Rs. 3,14,02,800/- (**Copy enclosed as Annexure-I**).

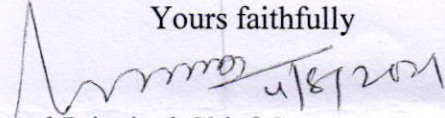
**Observation No. 2:- The user agency has not submitted KML file of entire road alignment proposed for the project.**

In compliance to the above, the user agency has furnished the KML file in CD format of entire road alignment pertaining for the above project, which is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

In view of the above, it is requested to accord Stage-I approval for the above project.

Encl: **Annexure-I & II**

Yours faithfully

  
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

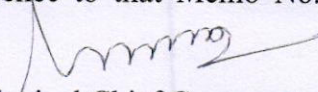
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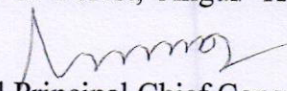
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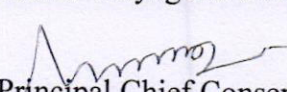
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