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Memo No. 9234 /Dated, Nayagarh the 28 Nov' 2022

To

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

Sub: - Diversion of 594.618 Ha. (292.289 Ha. in Nayagarh Forest Division and 302.329 Ha. in Boudh Forest Division) of Forest land in connection with Khurda Road-Bolangir New BG Rail Link Project from Km. 112 to 180 under Nayagarh and Boudh Forest Division by East Coast Railway.

Ref: - Your memo no. 23789 dt. 23.11.2022

With reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, compliance of the observations of REC dt. 15.09.2022 is furnished hereunder for favour of kind information and necessary action.

1. As the proposed railway line is in the elephant impact zone and elephant corridor, so elephant overpasses, underpasses and viaducts at appropriate positions as identified by the local Divisional Forest Officer should be constructed, fencing of the railway line towards the sanctuary side should be done so that elephant will not enter the track and will use the under passes and overpasses.

Dy. Chief Engineer, (Con), East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar has furnished an undertaking in this regard which is enclosed as Annexure-I.

2. Speed of the train should be less than 20 Km per hour in the stretch and Forest Department/ Railway Authority should regularly inform each other regarding the movement of elephant so that the train can be stopped without harm to elephants as and when required.

The condition has already been incorporated in the approved Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan as intimated by Conservator of Forests (Eco Tourism) O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his memo no. 9733 dt. 28.10.2022 to your good office.

3. A Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan should be prepared addressing all the issues raised during the site inspection/REC meeting, not only for safety of elephant but also for all the wildlife found in the locality duly approved by CWLW.

The Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been prepared at this end and approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar addressing the safety of wildlife vide this letter no. 8564 dt. 22.09.2022 and the same has been intimated vide his memo no. 8565 dt. 22.09.2022 to your good office and additional condition *i.e. Speed of the train should be less than 20 Km per hour in the stretch and Forest Department/ Railway Authority should regularly inform each other regarding the movement of elephant so that the train can be stopped without harm to elephants as and when required* has been incorporated in the approved Wildlife Conservation Plan vide his memo no. 9732 dt. 28.10.2022.

4. From the DSS as well as the site inspection report, it appears that the proposed railway line is very close to the boundary of Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary (From Buguda Colony to Baniguchha, approximately 15 KM). As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order in IA No. 1000 of 2003 dated 03.06.2022, the Railway Authority should realign the above stretch keeping in view the minimum distance 1.00 KM from the boundary of Baisipalli Wildlife Sanctuary.

As per the order passed by PCCF and HoFF, Odisha and communicated to this office vide memo no 23789 dated 23.11.22 of PCCF, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act this project is an ongoing project and construction of railway line is not one of the prohibited activities, as per the 9th Feb, 2011 guideline, this phase of the Railway line project i.e 112km to 180 km stretch is permitted as per para 44 (e) of the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 03.06.2022 subject to FC clearance as involves forest land.

The railway line has been realigned after the objection from DFO, Nayagarh and is present within 1km (300mt) from the boundary of Baisipalli Sanctuary. Further shifting is not possible as it will pass through the middle of the Brutanga reservoir for which already stage-I approval has been accorded vide F no 8-23/2010-FC of Govt of India ,MoEF(FC Division) dated 31st Aug, 2010

Encl: As above

Memo No. 9235

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle for favour of kind information and necessary action

V. Sarangi
28.11.22
Divisional Forest Officer
Nayagarh Division
Pudh
Dt. 28 / 11 / 2022

Memo No. 9236

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle for favour of kind information and necessary action

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Nayagarh Division
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Dt. 28 / 11 / 2022

Memo No. 9037

Copy to the Dy. Chief Engineer, (Con) East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar information and necessary action.

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Dt. 28 / 11 / 2022

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE)
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No. 9732 / CWLW-FDWC-FD-0121-2021
Bhubaneswar, Dated the 28 October, 2022

To

The Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)
East Coast Railway, Boudh/
The Deputy Chief Engineer/Con/II
Annex Building, Rail Vihar Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-23

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 594.618 ha (292.289 ha in Nayagarh Forest Division and 302.329 ha in Boudh Forest Division) of forest land in connection with Khurda Road-Bolangir New BG Rail Link Project 112 Km to 180 Km under Nayagarh and Boudh Forest Division by East Coast Railway-Approval of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan.

X-Sub: Additional condition in the approved Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan

Sir,

Approval of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan to implement mitigation measures has been communicated to you vide this office Letter No.8564 dt. 22.09.2022. Subsequently, MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar vide Letter No.5-ORA528/2022-BHU dt 20.09.2022 has communicated the observations of the REC in the meeting held on 15.09.2022. As per Observation at Sl. No.2, the following condition is added in the SSWLCP, which should be adhered to scrupulously.

"Speed of the train should be less than 20 Km per hour in the stretch and Forest Department/ Railway Authority should regularly inform each other regarding the movement of elephant so that the train can be stopped without harm to elephants as and when required."

The aforesaid condition is in addition to the stipulation on related protection measures already incorporated in the approved plan cited supra.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter

Yours faithfully

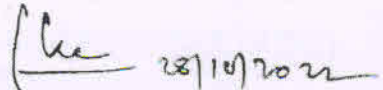

28/10/2022
Conservator of Forests (Eco-tourism)

Memo No. 9733 /dt 28/10/2022

Copy forwarded in continuation of this office Memo.No.8565 dt 22.09.2022 for information and necessary action to -



1. OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government of Odisha, FE&CC Department, Bhubaneswar
2. PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha
3. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar/Berhampur/Angul Circle
4. Divisional Forest Officer(s), Nayagarh/ Mahanadi WL/ Phulbani/ Boudh Division


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No. 8564 / CWLW-FDWC-FD-0121-2021
Bhubaneswar, Dated the 22 September, 2022

To

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East Coast Railway, Boudh/
The Deputy Chief Engineer/Con/II
Annex Building, Rail Vihar
Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar-23

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Sir,

It is to intimate that you have to implement mitigation measures as per approved Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan. I am directed to convey the approval of PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha for the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for the above project at financial outlay of ₹2892.185 lakh (Rupees twenty-eight crore ninety-two lakh eighteen thousand five hundred) only for the following activities:

(a)	In project impact area in Nayagarh Division	₹921.833 lakh
(b)	In project impact area in Mahanadi WL Division	₹329.647 lakh
(c)	In project impact area in Phulbani Division	₹289.003 lakh
(d)	In project impact area in Boudh Division	₹1351.702 lakh
Total:		₹2892.185 lakh

3. Activities in the project area will be executed by the project proponent under the guidance of DFO, Nayagarh/ Boudh Division, as the case may be. A sum of ₹2892.185 lakh shall be deposited in State CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) for implementation of various activities within the project impact area by the Forest Department through concerned DFOs.

4. The following conditions may be noted for future compliance.

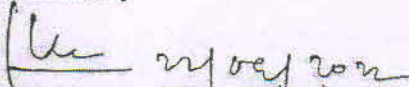
- a. If there would be need for Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan after expiry of the present plan period, the User agency will have to submit another such plan at least one year before the expiry of the existing Conservation Plan and deposit the amount upon its approval. In case of delay, it will be dealt as per law for violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.



b. The User agency has to give an undertaking to bear the differential cost in case of enhancement of wage rate during implementation of this plan.

Yours faithfully

Encl: Copy of approved Plan


Conservator of Forests (Eco-tourism)

Memo No. 8565 /dt 22/09/2022

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to -

1. OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government of Odisha, FE&CC Department with reference to that Department Memo No. FE-DIV-FLD-0071-2022-15658/FE&CC dt 05.09.2022
2. PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha with reference to F,E & CC Department Memo No.15658/FE&CC dt 05.09.2022
3. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle with reference to F,E & CC Department Memo No.15658/FE&CC dt 05.09.2022
4. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle
5. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle with reference to F,E & CC Department Memo No.15658/FE&CC dt 05.09.2022
6. Divisional Forest Officer(s), Nayagarh/ Mahanadi WL/ Phulbani/ Boudh Division alongwith copies of approved SSWLCP


Conservator of Forests (Eco-tourism)



EAST COAST RAILWAY

I, Sri R. K. DASH Dy. Chief Engineer, (Con-II) East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar undertakes to state that, elephant overpasses, underpasses and viaducts at appropriate positions as identified by the Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Division shall be constructed, fencing of the railway line towards the sanctuary side shall be done in the elephant impact zone and elephant corridor to prevent entry of elephant and to ensure use of the under passes and overpasses.

(Handwritten signature)
26-11-2022

(R.K. DASH)

Dy. Chief Engineer/Con-II
East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar