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No. 24903 / 9F (MG) – 337/2021
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 07th December'2022

From

Shri Susanta Nanda, IFS
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road
New Delhi-110003

Sub:- Proposal for non-forestry diversion use of 697.797 ha forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tahasil, Koraput District by M/s NALCO Ltd – Compliance to GoI observations dt.11.11.2022 regarding.

Ref: F.No.8-17/2022-FC dated 11.11.2022 of the Scientist 'D', Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned letter on the captioned subject, this is to inform that DFO, Koraput and RCCF, Koraput Circle have furnished the compliance to the FAC observations of GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi in the meeting held on 17.10.2022 which is furnished below:

Observation

The FAC observed that a Kuccha road passing through the lease are is said to have been constructed during 1972 to 1978. The FAC opined that during the period of more than 44 years, the Kuccha road should have been covered with vegetation and / or merged with the surroundings.

Compliance

The RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the DFO, Koraput Forest Division conducted a site inspection on dated 26.11.2022 along with ACF (Enforcement) with staff of Semiliguda Forest Range and patrolled over the entire length of approx. 4.09 km from village Malkarbandha to the table top land of ML area situated at an altitude at 1350 mts to ascertain the factual position of kuccha road in question. After site verification, the DFO Koraput

division has reported that the said road touches the lease boundary in between pillar No.75 & 76 of DGPS map of ML area. The road in question is passing over hard, compact and lateritic stony surface of Bauxite Ore deposits and constructed in a compact manner to enable movement of machineries and contains no soil for which no vegetation has been grown up even after lapse of more that 44 years. The said road as measured is 20.0 ft width and 3.5 km length approx. The Google map of Pottangi Bauxite mines showing the ML boundary as well as the road in question passing in between Pillar No. 75 & 76 is **enclosed** for reference.

Further, the authorised signatory of NALCO vide letter No. NBC/P&T/2022-23/11/400 dated 21.11.2022 (**copy enclosed**) addressed to the DFO, Koraput Forest division has informed that the road was constructed by GSI / MECL during 1972-78 for exploration purpose.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations of Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi is sent herewith for kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.


24904

/Dt.

07-12-2022

Copy alongwith its enclosure forwarded to the Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to F.No.8-17/2022-FC dated 11.11.2022 of the Scientist 'D', Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Encl: As above


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.


24905

/Dt.

07-12-2022

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to F.No.8-17/2022-FC dated 11.11.2022 of the Scientist 'D', Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Encl: As above


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

24906

/Dt.

07-12-2022

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his office Memo No.4061 dated 06.12.2022.


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 24907 /Dt. 07-12-2022

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.4062 dated 06.12.2022 of RCCF, Koraput Circle.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 24908 /Dt. 07-12-2022

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, M/s NALCO Ltd., NALCO Bhawan, P/1, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Pin-751016 for information and necessary action.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

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Memo No. 4061 /1F (Project)- 37/2022 Dt. 06.12.2022

To

The Conservator of Forests (Nodal)
 Office of the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub:

Proposal for non-forestry use of 697.979 ha of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi of Koraput Forest Division under Pottangi Tahasil, Koraput District by M/s NALCO Ltd.- **Gol observations regarding.**
(Proposal No.FP/OR/ MIN/ 29981/2017)

Ref:

Your Memo No.23478 / 9F(MG)-337/2021 dt 19.11.2022

In inviting a reference to your above cited memo on the subject it is to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest division vide her Memo No. 5685 dt 03.12.2022 (copy enclosed) has submitted the compliance report on observation pointed out by the Gol, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi vide their Letter No.8-17/2022-FC dt 11.11.2022. The compliance is as follows-

Observation.

The FAC observed that a kuccha road passing through the lease area is said to have been constructed during 1972 to 1978. The FAC opined that during the period of more than 44 years, the kuccha road should have been covered with vegetation and / or merged with the surroundings.


Compliance.

The DFO, Koraput Forest Division vide her Memo No.5685 dt 03.12.2022 reports that to ascertain the factual position of kuchha road in question, she conducted a site inspection on dated 26.11.2022 along with A.C.F (Enforcement) with staff of semiliguda Forest Range and patrolled over the entire length of approx. 4.09 km from village Malkarbandha to the table top land of ML area situated at an altitude at 1350 mts. After site verification, the DFO reports that, the said road touches the lease boundary in between pillar No. 75 & 76 of DGPS map of ML area. The road in question is passing over hard, compact and lateritic stony surface of Bauxite Ore deposits and constructed in a compact manner to enable movement of machineries and contains no soil for which no vegetation has been grown up even after lapse of more than 44 years. The said road as measured is 20.0 ft width and 3.5 km length approx.

As reported by NALCO authorities in their compliance report vide their Letter No.400 dated 21.11.2022 (copy enclosed), the road was constructed by GSI / MELC during 1972-78 for exploration purpose.

This is for information and needful action.

- Encl:-** 1. Copy of Memo No.5685 dt 03.12.2022 of DFO, Koraput Forest Division.
 2. Copy of Letter No.400 dt. 21.11.2022 of NALCO Authority.


 Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
 Koraput Circle, Koraput

Memo No. 4062 / Dated 06.12.2022

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest Division for information with reference to her Memo No.5685 dt 03.12.2022.


 Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
 Koraput Circle, Koraput

**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER -CUM-
WILDLIFE WARDEN, KORAPUT FOREST DIVISION, KORAPUT**

Contact no. 06852-251270, Fax No.-06852-251270, e-mail: ID-dfo.koraput@odisha.gov.in

Memo No. 5685/

Dated 03/12/2022

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Koraput Circle

Sub: - Proposal for Forest Diversion of 697.979 Ha. of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in Village Pottangi under Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District in favour of M/S NALCO Ltd.-GoI observation regarding.

Ref: - Letter No.23477/9F(MG)-377/2021 Dated 19.11.2022 of Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal) O/o the P.C.C.F & HoFF, Bhubaneswar.

In inviting a kind reference to the letter no. cited above, the observations raised by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, I am submitting herewith the compliance report for Diversion of 697.979 Ha. of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in Village Pottangi under Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District in favour of M/S NALCO Ltd. of Koraput Forest Division in 4 (Four) sets for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Description/Compliance.

OBSERVATION:

The FAC observed that a kuccha road passing through the lease area is said to have been constructed during 1972 to 1978. The FAC opined that during the period of more than 44 years, the kuccha road should have been covered with vegetation and/ or merged with the surroundings.

Compliance:

To ascertain the factual position of kuchha road in question, the Undersigned made site inspection on dated 26.11.2022 along with A.C.F (Enforcement.) & staff of Semiliguda Forest Range and patrolled over the entire length of approx 4.09 km from village Malkarbandha to the table land of ML area situated at an altitude at 1350 mts.

From site verification, it is observed that, the said road touches the lease boundary in between pillar no. 75 & 76 of DGPS map of ML area. The road in question is passing over hard, compact & lateritic stony surface of bauxite deposits and constructed through heavy machineries in a compact manner to enable movement of machineries and contains no soil for which no vegetation has grown up even after lapse of more than 44 years. Further, the width of the road in Question as measured is 20'.0' wide & 3.5 km length approx.

As reported in the compliance dated 21.11.2022 of NALCO the road was constructed by GSI/ MELC during 1972-78 for exploration purpose. (Copy enclosed).

2022
03/12/2022
Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division.

Memo No. 5686 /

Dated 03.12 /2022.

Copy forwarded to the Executive Director (Project- Mines), I/c, NALCO Bhawan, P/1 Nayapalli, Nalco Corporate Office, Bhubaneswar-751013 for information and necessary action with reference to his letter No.NBC/P&T/2022-23/11/400 Dated 21.11.2022.

2022
03/12/2022
Divisional Forest Officer,
Koraput Forest Division.

To
The Divisional Forest Officer
Koraput Forest Division
Koraput

25/11/2022

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25/11/22

Sub: Proposal for Non-Forestry use of 697.979 ha of forest land for Pottangi Mining Lease ,Pottangi Koraput

Ref:

- i. DFO's letter no -5415 ,dated 19.11.2022
- ii. MOEF& CC,Gol 'S letter no- 8-17/2022-FC dated: 11.11.2022

Madam,

Inviting reference to the above subject & referred letters, Nalco would like to submit the following compliance with respect to observation of FAC (17.11.2022).

- i. The Kuchha Road in the Mining Lease (ML) area was constructed by Geological Survey of India (GSI)/Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) during 1972 - 1978 for exploration purpose.
- ii. From satellite imagery and ground truthing of said ML area, it is revealed that the road in question is passing over hard, compact and less porous Ferruginous laterite surface forming **Mesa** (table top flat land) at an altitude of 1200 - 1500 meter above sea level. Copy of Google map is enclosed for ready reference.
- iii. From Site verification, it is observed, the part of the **Bauxite Plateau** where the road in question is passing through contains almost no Soil, which generally favours growth of vegetation. Therefore, the road in question has not been covered by any vegetation.
- iv. The road was developed on the Laterite surface through heavy earthmoving machineries and not a raised road. Ferruginous laterite forms very hard, compact and weathering resistant matured surface therefore the road in question has not been merged with the surroundings. Generally weathering leads to merger of natural/ man made feature with that of surroundings.
- v. This was also observed that not only the questioned Road area but also the surrounding area inside ML, which contains Bauxite ore deposit is void of any vegetation though a Forest Land. This is normally the feature of any Bauxite deposit Ore area.
- vi. As mentioned earlier, the ML area is situated at a higher altitude without any habitation. Thus the road made by GSI/MECL in 1972-78 for exploration purpose is of any use by others.

Hope the above points are sufficient to clarify the point raised by FAC.

Thanking you

DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

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28/11/2022

Enclosure: As above

Copy to : PCCF (Nodal) : For information please

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