

Government of Odisha  
Forest and Environment Department

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From:

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Special Secretary to Government

To

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change,  
Eastern Regional Office, A-3, Chandrasekharapur,  
Bhubaneswar

**Sub:** Proposal for diversion of 14.928 ha. of forest land for construction of Sono Barrage Project near village Jaida of Gopabandhu Nagar Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District, Odisha within the jurisdiction of Balasore (WL) & Baripada Forest Division by the Executive Engineer, Mayurbhanj Investigation Division, Udala

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to GoI, MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office letter F.No. 5-ORC307/2017-BHU dt. 23.2.2017 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office had communicated certain observations pertaining to above cited forest diversion proposal and requested the State Government to provide information /compliance thereon. The Addl. PCCF(Forest Diversion) & Nodal Officer, FC Act vide his letter No. 15001 dt. 28.6.2017 has furnished required compliance, based on which the point wise compliance of such observations are furnished below.

**Observation (1):** *During Power Point Presentation, it was observed that the command area of Deo irrigation project appears to be very near to the command area of this project. Hence. the command area of Deo irrigation project and also the command area of the present proposal may be shown on a map to take a total view.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, based on the report of user agency, it has been reported that Deo Irrigation Project comes under Baitarani Basin whereas proposed Sono Irrigation Project is to be constructed in Budhabalanga Basin. Thus both Irrigation projects are located on different basins. Neither the two basins nor their command areas will overlap. A map showing location of the two basins and proposed Sono Irrigation project duly signed by the Executive Engineer, M.I Division, Udala and DFO, Baripada Division is enclosed as Annexure-A.

**Observation (2):** *The FRA Certificate has been issued in two types of forms i.e. Form-I for linear projects and Form-II for non-linear projects. However, the proposal is for*

*construction of barrage including canal system. Hence this project to be considered as non-linear project and accordingly a single FPA Certificate may be furnished.*

**Compliance:** As informed earlier, this irrigation project has two components i.e. canal(linear) and barrage pond(non-linear) for which user agency has filed this proposal online as a HYBRID project and accordingly the relevant fields were filled/uploaded by the project proponent in the portal of the Ministry and the same was processed accordingly by the State Government. Thus, the two different type of FRA Certificates were furnished by the Collectors concerned i.e. one for Sono Barrage (Non-Linear) another for Canal System (Linear), which are enclosed in the diversion proposal Annexure-10/DP. In view of importance of this infrastructure project, the Certificates furnished by the Collectors may be accepted.

**Observation:** (3) *As per the norm of CAT plan, 2% to 3% of the project cost is to be earmarked for CAT plan. However, in this project the cost of CAT plan is less than 2%. Hence, the CAT plan may be modified earmarking 3% of the project cost towards implementation of CAT plan with specific provision for water harvesting structures.*

**Compliance:** In Compliance to the above, the revised Catchment Area Treatment Plan has been prepared which has been technically approved by Addl. PCCF, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act amounting Rs.4,34,73,000/-. Copy of revised CATP is enclosed as **Annexure-B**. The revised cost of CATP is more than 2% of the total project cost of this irrigation project (Rs. 216 crores).

**Observation:** (4) *During Power Point Presentation, it was observed that the coordinates of the submergence area appears to be incorrect. The correct shape file clearly showing the submergence area need to be submitted.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, based on the report of the RCCF, Baripada it has been reported that the coordinates of the submergence area have been rectified as per the present river course. The corrected shape file in soft copy submitted by the user agency is enclosed as **Annexure-C**.

**Observation:** (5) *It was also observed that in the Google map a road appears to be coming under submergence area. This may be looked into and modified shape file may be furnished or the alignment may be corrected to avoid the road in the submergence area.*

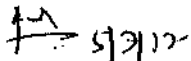
**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, based on the report of the RCCF, Baripada it has been reported that the existing bridge over river Sono in the upstream of the proposed barrage including its approach road of about 180 meters towards Udala and about 60 meters towards Balasore in the pondage area of barrage will be submerged in

the proposed barrage. In view of this, there is provision for construction of a high level bridge with its approach road in the DPR to mitigate this issue.

Above compliances of the observations may be considered by the Eastern Regional Office of the Ministry and in-principle approval of MoEF&CC, GoI, Eastern Regional Office for this irrigation project may be communicated to this department for further follow up action at this end.

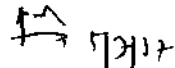
Yours faithfully

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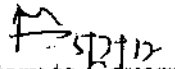
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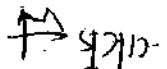
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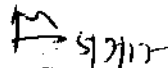
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