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Memo No. 2010 /6F-(Mg.)Dt: 06-03..2018

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,

Rourkela Circle, Rourkela.

Sub:-

Proposal for diversion of 5.888 ha. of DLC forest land (including 0.562 ha. of Safety Zone area) in village Oraghat by M/s Sayed

Abdul Halim.

Ref:-

Your Memo No.472 dt.24.2.2018.

- This office Memo No.1052 dt.2.2.2018.
- Memo No.857 dt.27.2.2018 of the DDM, Koira.
 Memo No.68 dt.28.2.2018 of the RO, Koira.

In continuation to this office Memo under reference and with reference to your Memo No. cited above, the point wise compliance as sought for is furnished below.

As regards Point No.1 of your Memo under reference, the DDM, Koira has been requested to submit the compliance as per your observation vide this office Letter No.1770 dt.27.2.2018. The DDM, Koira stated in his reply vide Letter No.857 dt.27.02.2018 that the present ML area was under PL and the applicant has made some trial pits. The said PL was executed on 29.07.1993 for two years and the applicant applied for grant of ML during this period on 07.03.1994. The ML was finally granted and executed on 06.04.1998 and the mining operation commenced from 28.10.1998 within the non-forest area after grant of 1st surface right on 22.09.1998. A copy of this letter is **enclosed herewith** for ready reference at your end.

In addition to mining in non-forest area as reported above by the DDM, Koira, it was seen from the broken up area plan prepared though joint verification on 20.09.2010 that 0.643 ha. DLC Forest land has been broken for mining in Block-I, II and III in Plate No-IV. Moreover, the fact regarding working of the said mines from 2000-01 to 2011-12 without FC clearance was found in Annexure-IV A of Hon'ble Shah Commission report which also corroborates the above said joint verification regarding working of mines in forest area.

As regards Point No.2 of your Memo under reference, the field verification was once again conducted on 27.02.2018 and it was seen that a portion of the Quarry-1 shown in Plate-V has been extended to DLC forest land. Accordingly, the RO Koira was instructed to measure the area extending to DLC forest land. The RO, Koira measured the said area and reported it to be 0.029 Ha. which is now included under area of violation in addition to 1.154 ha. reported earlier under area of violation. Thus, the total area of violation now comes to 1.183 ha. The map and GPS co-ordinate of this area is enclosed herewith for reference.

It is pertinent to mention here that the RO, Koira was specifically told to measure the area under violation during last site inspection. Moreover, the Dealing Assistant of Mining Section was also asked to verify ML area in Google Earth Imagery by superimposing KML file of ML boundary. But, neither RO, Koira measured the area under violation meticulously nor dealing assistant brought to notice of the undersigned regarding extension of Quarry-1 to DLC forest land. The RO, Koira and Dealing Assistant has been asked to explain for this serious lapse.

As regards Point No.3, the field verification was once again carried out to ascertain the correctness of the area under quarry-1 in plate-V and accordingly RO Koira was instructed to measure the area though majority of the said area falls under non-forest category leaving 0.029 ha. which is extended to DLC forest land. The RO Koira measured the said area and reported it to be 0.439 ha. At this circumstances, it is very difficult to ascertain the correctness of area measuring 0.765 ha. for Block-IV in Plate No.IV. However, lessee in his reply to this office Letter No.Nil dt.28.2.2018 stated that a portion of 0.765 ha. under Block-IV in Plate No.IV is merged with road and rest 0.439 ha. remained under same block which is taken as Quarry-1 in Plate-V.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action

Encl :- As above

Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Division.

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Copy forwarded to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act' O/O the P.C.C.F., Odisha Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action in continuation to this office Memo No.1053 dt.2.2.2018 and with reference to Memo No.473 dt.24.2.2018 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Division.