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No. 16069 / 9F (Road) – 343/2022

Dated, Bhubaneswar the 09<sup>th</sup> August' 2024

To

**The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)**  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur  
Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: **Diversion of 6.56 ha of forest land for construction of Bolangir Bypass Road (West) by the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Bolangir under Bolangir Forest Division – Compliance to GoI observations regarding.**

Ref:- Letter F.No.5-ORC603/2023- BHU dated 23.01.2024 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar letter cited above on the captioned subject, the compliance basing on the reports of DFO, Bolangir Forest Division and RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle are as follows:-

**Observation -Point (a):**

*As per examination of KML file of entire alignment in DSS and it appears from the google time series that vegetation has been removed and there has been an attempt to construct the road on the aforesaid plots and violation over 0.533 ha forest land has been observed in Plot no. 1733, 1712, 1120, 843, 1172 and 1187. The reply of the query raised appears to be an eyewash. The violation over the forest land may properly be detected jointly by the DFO concerned and Revenue Officials.*

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that one Joint field verification was conducted on 22.04.2024 in presence of revenue officials of both Balangir & Puintala Tahsil, officials from N.H Division, Balangir & forest officials of Balangir Forest Division. All the revenue forest plots identified for the diversion of 6.56 ha of forest land for the construction of the Balangir By-Pass Road by N.H. Division, Balangir were verified jointly and such joint verification report is enclosed as Annexure-II duly countersigned by the DFO, Balangir Division.

During verification, it was observed that the user agency, i.e., N.H. Division, Balangir has carried out road works by spreading fly ash on plot nos. 1172 and 1187 under Khata no. 218 of Puintala village under Puintala Tahsil, plot nos. 843 and 1120 under Khata no. 319 of Bishnumunda village under Balangir Tahasil.

Further, it was also found that 10 nos. of trees have been removed from plot No. 1172 under Khata No.218 having Kissam- Gramya Jungle of Puintala Village under Puintala Tahasil. For plot No.1712 & 1733 under Khata No.615 having Kissam as Patra jungle of Bijakhman village, there is one existing earthen road and the violated area as observed is being used for day time parking of heavy vehicles during no entry period to Balangir Town form 6.00 AM to 10.00 PM. Further, it was also observed that one culvert has been constructed over Plot no. 1712 under Khata No. 615 of village Bijakhman under Balangir Tahasil with a violation of area over 0.17 acre. The detailed plot wise area violated is given in a separate sheet which is enclosed as **Annexure-I** duly countersigned by the DFO, Balangir Division. Total area of violation comes to 1.326 acre. The detailed Joint Verification Report alongwith Photographs taken over the area of violation plot wise is enclosed as **Annexure-II series**.

**Observation -Point (b):**

***Detail action taken report by Revenue authority & extent of Forest area used under violation of FC Act,1980 along with the name and designation of erring officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose has not been furnished by the State Govt.***

**Compliance:-** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle has reported that the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Balangir was asked to submit the action taken report against the erring officials for the above violation vide Memo No.5225 dtd.25.06.2024 of Divisional Forest Officer, Balangir Forest Division.

In reply, the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Balangir vide his letter No.1662 dated 06.07.2024 (**enclosed as Annexure-III Series**) stated that the fly ash was dumped inadvertently over plot No.1172 & 1187 under Puintala village of Puintala Tahasil due to space constraint and embankment construction work over the non-Forest private land.

Regarding removal of 10 Nos. of trees, the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Balangir has informed that due to lack of round-the clock vigil, the trees have been uprooted.

In case of Plot No. 1120 & 843 under Bishnumunda Village & plot No.1712 & 1713 under Bijakhman village both under Balangir Tahasil, the fly ash was dumped inadvertently due to space constraint & presence of buildup area and the act of construction of culvert on plot No.1712 of Bijakhman village was done non deliberately.

As stated, the plot No. 1712 & 1733 is being used as Seasonal Market and Parking place of vehicle during no entry period in Balangir Town & no violation have been noticed.

In this regard, the contractor (Sri Durga Condev (P) Ltd., Tarola, Jagatpur) has been warned not to carry out any works over the said plot until receiving working permission from the competent authority vide letter No.1619 dated 05.07.2024 of the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Balangir (**enclosed as Annexure-III Series**). Furthermore, he has reported that the fly ash has been completely removed from the specified plots and no land breakage has been



occurred. The detailed Compliance report submitted by the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Balangir vide his letter No.1662 dated 06.07.2024 is enclosed as **Annexure-III series**.

The Tahasildar, Puintala was asked to submit the action taken report against the erring officials for the above violation vide Memo No. 5234 dtd.25.06.2024 of Divisional Forest Officer, Balangir Forest Division.

In reply, the Tahasildar, Puintala vide his letter No. 1496 dated 06.07.2024 has submitted the action taken report regarding the above-mentioned violation over the forest land wherein all the Revenue Inspectors have been directed to keep strict vigil on the maintenance of Gramya Jungle Kissam land to stop any sort of construction activity or encroachment over the land as mentioned above. (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-IV series**).

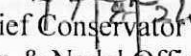
Similarly, the Tahasildar, Balangir Tahasil was asked to submit the action taken report against the erring officials for the above violation vide Memo No. 5228 dtd.25.06.2024 of the Divisional Forest Officer, Balangir Forest Division.

In reply, the Tahasildar, Balangir Tahasil vide his letter No. 2379 dated 09.07.2024 has submitted the action taken report regarding the above-mentioned violation over the forest land wherein all the Revenue Inspector of his office have been directed to keep strict vigil on the maintenance of Patra Jungle Kissam land to stop any sort of construction activity or encroachment over the land (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-V series**). Regarding violation made over plot No.843, 1120 of village Bishnumunda and plot No.1712 and 1733 under village Bijakhaman under Balangir Tahasil all having Kissam as Patra Jungle, letter No.1631 dated 05.07.2024 of the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Balangir addressed to the Tahasildar, Balangir Tahasil which is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-V Series** may please be taken into consideration.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations of Govt. of India dated 23.01.2024 is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

**Encl-As above**


Yours faithfully

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

Memo No. **16070** /Dt. **09.08.2024**


Copy alongwith its enclosures forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter F.No.5-ORC603/2023- BHU dated 23.01.2024 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

**Encl-As above**

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)


Memo No. 16071 /Dt. 09-08-2024

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhawanipatna Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3150 dated 19.07.2024.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)


Memo No. 16072 /Dt. 09-08-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Bolangir Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3151 dated 19.07.2024 of RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 16073 Dt. 09-08-2024

Copy forwarded to Executive Engineer, NH Division, Bolangir-767001 for information and necessary action with reference to Letter F.No.5-ORC603/2023- BHU dated 23.01.2024 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)