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Memo No. 17/00 /5F-FC-40/2023 Dated- 9.5-23

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Proposal for diversion of 11.853 ha of forest land for establishment of Industries i.e. Expansion and Sub: modernization of existing Integrated Steel Plant by M/-s- GM Iron & Steel Company Limited. Ref:

Your Memo No.6556/9F (IND)379/2022 dated 03.04.2023

In inviting a reference to the memo cited above on the subject this is to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal Forest Division vide his Memo No.3961 dated 6.5.2023. has submitted pointwise compliance to the observation made vide your memo under reference (Copy enclosed). The point-wise

Observation (i) The length of the periphery of the identified CA land to be fenced by Iron angle with chain link wire mesh has not been furnished instead hectare wise calculation has been

Compliance: As reported by the DFO, Dhenkanal Forest Division the length of periphery of the identified CA land is 2865.020 M. as verified by ORSAC and same has been reflected in the DGPS Map. Accordingly the calculation has been made in the CA Scheme against fencing of Iron angle with chain link wire mesh.

Observation(ii) Provision of watering to the CA site has not been proposed in the write-up but has been mentioned in the financial outlay. Further, watering model and no. of the bore wells to be installed has also not been mentioned..

Compliance:-In compliance to the observation, the provision of watering to the CA site has been proposed in write-up of the CA scheme in Sl.No.7 and the watering model is W-II and 4 nos. of Bore

Further, as desired regarding action taken for violation it is pointed out that one Santanu kumar Bhukta and Anr. Has filed a case before the Hon'ble NGT(EZ) Bench, Kolkata vide OA No.45/2022(EZ) vs. M/s-GM Iron & Steel Co.Ltd. & Others. As per direction of the Hon'ble NGT, the Tahasildar, Parjang has dismantled the temple and compound wall and removed the encroachment over an area of 3.237 ha forest land as constructed by the User Agency. In case of other forest land, the same has been reflected in the Site Inspection Report of DFO, Dhenkanal Division and on violation, the User Agency will be liable for penal conditions under FC Act,1980. Besides, the Tahasildar, Parjang has booked encroachment case vide EN Case No. 11/2022-2023 and recovered Rs.1,10,484/- vide receipt No.5376604 dated 26.05.2022.(Copy enclosed).

In view of the above, the CA scheme in three sets along with DGPS surveyed Map is forwarded herewith for favour of information and necessary action. Encl:- As above.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul.