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Memo. No. **2891/4F** (F.C. Act & Lease) – 23/2024

Dated, Bhubaneswar the **07th May, 2024**

To


The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Bhubaneswar Circle
Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for Diversion of 0.094 Ha. (0.232 Ac.) of Forest Land in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd., under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District under Chandaka Wildlife Division.

Ref: This office memo. No. 1806 dtd. 18.03.2024

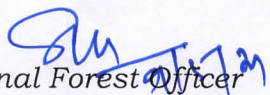
Inviting a reference to the above cited letter on the captioned subject; the Director of Estates & Ex-Officio, Additional Secretary to Government, GA & PG Department, Government of Odisha, vide his letter No. 13753/CA dtd. 06.05.2024 has submitted the compliance of point No. 1 & 2 as sought by the DIGF(C), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, IRO, Bhubaneswar, which may be forwarded to the higher quarters.

Encl: As above


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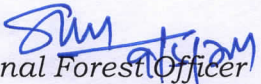
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Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act) O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to this office memo. 1807 dtd. 18.03.2024.


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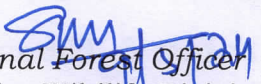
Memo No. **2893**/dt. **07.05.2024**/

Copy forwarded to the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Government of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to this office memo. 1807 dtd. 18.03.2024.


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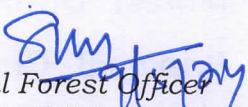
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Copy forwarded to the Director of Estates & Ex-Officio, Additional Secretary to Government, GA & PG Department, Government of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his letter No. 13753/CA dtd. 06.05.2024.


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Memo No. **2895**/dt. **07.05.2024**/

Copy forwarded to the General Manager-L&E, M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd., Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to this office memo. 1809 dtd. 18.03.2024.


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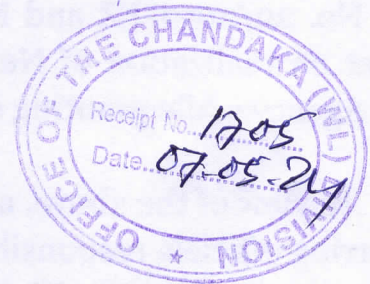
No 13753 /CA, Bhubaneswar, Date 06/05/2024
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From

Sri Manoj Kumar Mohanty
Director of Estates & Ex-Officio
Addl. Secretary to Government

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Chandaka Wild Life Division
Bhubaneswar



Subject: Proposal for Diversion of 0.094 Ha (0.232Ac.) of Forest land in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd, Proposal No. FP/OR/Others/145337/2021 with State Serial No. OR/061/2021 dtd 03-08-2021.

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Ref: 2. Letter No. 1805 dtd 18-03-2024 received from DFO, Chandaka

1. This Department letter No. 37212 dtd 15-12-2023

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Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that, Govt. of Odisha has constituted a Site Selection Committee / Land Allotment Committee to access the requirement and recommend the Government for land. GA & PG Deptt. was following the provisions of the Government Grant Act, 1985 and after repeal of Government Grants Act, GA Department is now following the provisions of the Odisha Government Land Settlement (Second Amendment) Rules, 2020.

In response to the letter of Regional Office, Bhubaneswar with regard to submission of the names of the erring officials responsible for violation of FC Act, 1980, we would like to intimate you that despite repeated search, the relevant Site Selection proceeding has not been traced out. Hence any individual member may not be named from the Site Selection Committee/Land Allotment Committee who took the decision as per the then available revenue records where the status of the land was non-forest land.

Later after the Land Settlement process it was known that status of the land was "Buda Jungle". Accordingly, the User Agency has been intimated to go for diversion of the Forest Land for non-Forest use and not to take any further construction without the forest diversion to non-forest use. So it can neither be

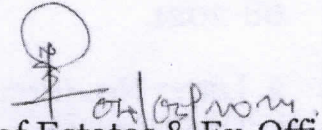
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attributed to the User Agency nor the Committee Members who have taken the decision based on available revenue records.

Further The National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata in OA Case No. 29/2019/EZ and MA No. 29/2022/ EZ have directed to regularize the matter on realization of Net Present Value / Penal Net Present Value from the User Agency while granting clearance under FC Act, 1980.

In view of the above, and in light of this peculiar situation the action against the erring officials responsible for violation of FC Act,1980 may be condoned and the proposal of MAYFAIR Hotels & Resorts Limited may be approved for use of forest land for non-forest purpose and may be considered for grant of Stage -I approval.

Yours faithfully,



Director of Estates & Ex-Officio
Adl. Secretary to Government