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From

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O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 11.853 ha forest land for establishment of Industries i.e., expansion and modernization of existing Integrated Steel Plant at village Kulei under Parajanga Tahasil, District-Dhenkanal under Dhenkanal Forest division by M/s GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd. - Compliance to GoI observations dated 05.09.2023 regarding.

Ref:- Letter No.5-ORC581/2023-BHU dated 05.09.2023 of the Scientist "B", 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 DFO, Dhenkanal Forest division and RCCF, Angul Circle have submitted the compliance to the observation of GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar basing on the report submitted by the Chief General Manager (Env), IDCO, Odisha vide his letter No. CGM(Env)/270/21 dated 15.09.2023. The compliance are as follows:

Observation : -

The land details allotted previously in the year 2004 to M/s Rana Sponge Ltd and chronological events thereafter may be furnished.

Compliance: -

In compliance to the above observation the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished the land details, allotted to M/s Rana Sponge Ltd in the year 2004 alongwith the datas furnished chronologically as follows: -

1. That, for establishment sponge iron plant at Kulei village during 2004, no Govt land was allocated in favour of the **M/s Rana Sponge Limited**. The company acquired the land for the said plant through direct purchase from the tenants. Year-wise purchase of land from the tenants in Kulei village is furnished herewith.

Year of direct purchase	Extend of land purchased in Ac.	Remarks
2003	36.70	Purchase details with Khata and plot Nos attached separately.
2004	5.64	
Total	42.34	

In 2004, the **Consent to Establish (CTE) Order** was granted by the State Pollution Control Board, ODISHA (SPCB) in favour of M/s Rana Sponge Limited vide Letter No.29790 dated 04.10.2004 for producing/manufacturing the products of Sponge Iron – **DRI Kiln – I, Sponge Iron – DRI Klin – II and Power Plant (WHRB)** at the said industry. The proposed site area statement of 41 plots over 26.22 Ac and site sketch map had been annexed to the said CTE. Further there was a condition in the said CTE at Sl. No. 24 that the Project Proponent would acquire additional area of 14.37 Ac land for the said project. Total land allotment for the project was (26.22 Ac + 14.37 Ac) i.e. **40.59 Ac**. A copy of the CTE – 2004 along with its annexure has been enclosed as **Annexure – I**. By 2004, M/s Rana Sponge Ltd had purchased 42.34 Ac land from the tenants.

2. That, **M/s Rana Sponge Limited** had made direct purchase of land required for the project from the tenants during 2005 in Kulei village extending to **43.86 Ac (42.34 Ac + 1.52 Ac)**. A copy of the Khatian in the name of M/s Rana Sponge Ltd reflecting details of plots purchased is enclosed as **Annexure – II (a)**. Copy of Nil Certificate of encumbrances of these plots is enclosed as **Annexure – II(b)**.
3. That, during 2005, **M/s Rana Iron & Power Limited** had made direct purchase of land amounting to 1.52 Ac in Kulei village near plant site. After 2005, they had also purchased 8.57 Ac land from the tenants near to plant. So, total land directly purchased by the said company for industry purpose was 52.43 Ac which was subsequently purchased through bank by M/s GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd from M/s Rana Sponge Ltd.
4. That, in 2005 another CTE vide letter No.14933 dated 09.05.2005 was granted in favour of M/s Rana Sponge Limited for producing/manufacturing of **MS, Angle, Channels, Bar round** at the same factory. A copy of the CTE – 2005 has been enclosed as **Annexure – III**. Up to 2005, total area acquired by M/s Rana Sponge Limited for the project was 43.86 Ac.
5. That, **M/s Rana Sponge Limited** made an application on dated 02.07.2010 for change in the name of the company from M/s Rana Sponge Limited to M/s Rana Iron

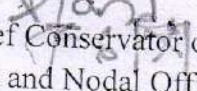
& Power Limited and the same was approved by the Government of India, Ministry of Coal vide No. 23021/294/2009-CPD, on dated 07.02.2011 for the purpose of coal allocation. Further Government of India, Ministry of Industry had approved change/modification in name of the company to **M/s Rana Iron & Power Limited** vide letter no. 317/SIA/IMO/2007 on dated 01.07.2010. Copies of the letters are enclosed as **Annexure.- IV(a) & IV(b)**.

6. That, the SPCB, Odisha granted Consent to Operate (CTO) orders in favour of M/s Rana Sponge Limited up to 2015. The last CTO granted in favour of M/s Rana Iron & Power Limited was issued vide letter no. 8398 dt. 21.05.2015 of SPCB ORISSA which was valid up to 31.03.2016 and the copy of the consent order Number 2398 dated 21.05.2015 of SPCB, Odisha is enclosed as **Annexure – V**.
7. That, in 2009-2010, M/s Rana Sponge Limited had encroached 11 plots both Govt. Forest & Non-Forest land adjacent to plant site. Total area encroached by M/s Rana Sponge Limited was 16.42 Ac. Out of the total encroachment, 10.20Ac. comes under revenue forest kissam. 4.78Ac. land comes under the category of Sabik forest & 1.44Ac. comes under Non-Forest Govt. Land. A copy in **Form J** reflecting details of encroachment drawn by Tahasildar Parjang is enclosed as **Annexure - VI**.
8. That, **M/s Rana Iron & Power Limited** was granted Factory License from the Directorate of Factories & Boilers, Bhubaneswar vide letter no. 4088 dated 13.03.2015. The copy is enclosed as **Annexure– VII**.
9. That, **M/s Rana Iron & Power Limited** had run the Factory up to 31.03.2016. Thereafter, no Consent to Operate Order (CTO) was issued in favour of M/s Rana Iron & Power Limited and the factory had shut down.
10. That, **M/s GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd.** purchased the old plant of M/s Rana Iron & Power Limited (movable property & 52.43 Ac land) from the State Bank through **SARFAESI Act** in 2019. The copy of the statement of land details purchased from M/s Rana Iron & Power Ltd by M/s GM Iron & Steel Company Ltd alongwith assignment agreement between State Bank of India & CFM Asset Reconstruction Private Ltd. are enclosed as **Annexure – VIII**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observation of GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for favour of kind information & necessary action.

Encl : As above.

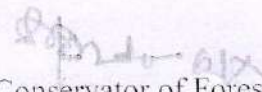
Yours faithfully


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

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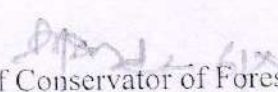
Copy alongwith its enclosures forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORC581/2023-BHU dated 05.09.2023 of the Scientist "B", GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3892 dated 27.09.2023.


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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3893 dated 27.09.2023 of RCCF, Angul Circle.


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