



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

No. **24736** /9F (MG)-89/15
Dated, Bhubaneswar the **10th** December, 2018

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest & Environment Department,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub:- Site specific compensatory afforestation scheme over 329.7743 ha non-forest Government land allotted in village Khamarpadar under TH, Rampur Tahasil in Kalahandi District against Gandhamardan Block-A Iron ore mining lease in Keonjhar District of M/s OMC Ltd.-Submission of revised CA scheme regarding.

Ref: Letter No.10F(Cons)50/2018/6345/F&E dated 19.3.2018 of the Special Secretary to Government, F&E Department, Government of odisha.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to F&E Department letter cited above on the captioned subject, I would like to inform that, the total forest area involved in the mining lease of Gandhamardan (Block-A) Iron Ore Mines of M/s OMC Ltd involves 519.7472 ha during 2nd RML. In principle approval has been accorded over 117.9648 ha of forest land during 1st RML under Section-2 (ii) of FC Act 1980 vide MoEF Letter F.No.8-105/2006-FC dated 17.02.2009. In compliance to the Condition No. I(i) of Stage-I approval order, non-forest Government land over 117.9648 ha was allotted for compensatory afforestation against diversion of 117.9648 ha of forest land and the same land had been mutated in favour of State Forest Department.

For the present forest diversion proposal for the balance forest area over 401.7824 ha the requirement of non-forest land for compensatory afforestation is furnished below:

(a) Total area of the ML-	618.567 ha
(b) Total forest land within the ML area is-	519.7472 ha
(c) Broken up forest land prior to 25.10.1980 for which CA is not required-	64.7274 ha
(d) Forest land for which Stage-I approval accorded and cost of CA has been deposited-	117.9648 ha
(e) Forest Area in Safety Zone for which CA is not required-	7.2807 ha
(f) Non-forest land required to raise CA (b)-(c)-(d)-(e) i.e. (519.7472 ha – 64.7274 ha – 117.9648 ha – 7.2807 ha) =	329.7743 ha

Since non-forest land was not available in Keonjhar District, 329.811 ha non-forest land has been identified in Khamarpadar village of Thuamul-Rampur Tahasil in Kalahandi District.

Therefore, the CA scheme was submitted by DFO, Kalahandi (South) Division to take up Block Plantation @ 1600 plants per hectare over 53.0 ha and ANR with Gap Plantation @ 200 plants per hectare over 276.7743 ha with proposal to plant 1,40,155 nos. of seedlings, along with soil moisture conservation measures like LBCD of different sites and staggered trenches. The CA scheme has been technically approved by Additional PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) with financial outlay of Rs.3,63,74,000/- which was enclosed with DP forwarded to Government of Odisha, F&E Department vide this office memo No.5059 dated 15.03.2016 and the same was subsequently forwarded to Government of India, MoEF & CC vide letter No.10F(Cons)-158/2015-6513/F&E dated 07.04.2016 of Government of Odisha, F&E Department.

Hence the above CA scheme which was formulated to plant 1,40,155 nos. of seedlings does not fulfil the required number of seedlings to be planted as per guidelines of MoEF & CC vide F.No.11-423/2011-FC dated 08.11.2017.

As reported by the DFO, Kalahandi (South) Division, MoEF & CC while examining other mining proposals of Odisha had started rejecting the CA land having vegetation and not accommodating 1000 no. of seedlings per ha of forest land proposed to be diverted. Therefore on request of the Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. DFO, Kalahandi (South) Division has revised the CA scheme with revised wage rate of Rs.213.50 per manday after revisiting the CA site. During re-verification of the CA land, it was noticed by DFO, Kalahandi (South) Division that, 177.067 ha marked as MDF (Moderately Dense Forest) area, actually there is no forest growth. Basing on the actual field position, DFO Kalahandi (South) Division revised the CA scheme as follows:

Type of Plantation	Area (in ha)	No. of seedlings per ha to be planted	Total No. of seedlings to be planted
Bald Hill	193.1723	1600	309076
ANR	77.7430	400	31097
ANR	58.8590	800	47087
Total	329.7743		387260

Since 3, 87, 260 nos. of seedlings will be planted over 329.7743 ha which is more than 1000 seedlings per ha, no extra plantation over degraded forest land is required.

Under the above circumstances the revised CA Scheme over 329.7743 ha with financial outlay of Rs.8,22,63,400/- (Rupees Eight crore twenty two lakhs sixty three thousand four hundred) only communicated to Government of Odisha, F&E Department vide PCCFs Office Memo No.3476 dated 20.02.2018, may please be accepted and communicated to MoEF & CC, New Delhi before the project is scheduled to be discussed in FAC.

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Copy of the report of the Kalahandi (South) Division vide his Memo No.2971 dated 30.06.2018 is enclosed for kind perusal.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully

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Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forests Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

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Copy forwarded to the RCCF Bhawanipatna Circle, Bhawanipatna for information with reference to Memo No 2972 dtd.30.06.2018 of the DFO Kalahandi South Division to his address

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