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Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt of Odisha, Forest & Environment Department, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 26.44 ha of forest land for construction of Khairibandhan Barrage Project in Anlabeni in Jashipur Blockof Karanjia Forest division under Mayurbhanj District- Constitution of Expert Committee as per observation of Govt of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Ref: Letter No 18565/F&E dtd 19.11.20 of Special Secy. to Govt. of Odisha in F&E Deptt. Madam,

In inviting a reference to the above correspondence on the subject cited above, it is to inform that a proposal for diversion of 26.44 ha of Forest land under Karanjia Forest Division was submitted to Govt. of India MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar by Govt in F&E Deptt. vide Letter No 8369/F&E dtd 01.06.2020. The construction site of proposed barrage at Anlabeni in Jashipur Block was inspected by Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), ERO, Bhubaneswar on 20.06.2020, in the presence of staff of local Forest & Water Resources Deptt. & made few observations on location of the site of the proposed barrage(Copy of the Site Inspection report dt 20.06.2020 is enclosed for ready reference). Both the Site Inspection Report of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), ERO, Bhubaneswar & the proposal communicated by Govt of Odisha for the project were presented before REC on 27.07.2020 & REC sought for comments of the State Govt on observation of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), ERO, Bhubaneswar in his Site Inspection Report. The comments/views of the State Govt was communicated to GOI, MoEF&CC, ERO, which was presented before REC again on 26.10.2020 and REC recommended for constitution of an expert committee by the State Government to study the impact of the project from all angles like forestry, wildlife, livelihood, ecotourism, environment & sociological aspect and submit the report within 30 days. In response, Govt. of Odisha in F & E Deptt vide their Letter dtd 19.11.2020 requested PCCF & HoFF, Odisha to constitute the expert committee to study the impact of project and submit the report within 15 days for further action at their end. Accordingly, an expert committee with following members has been proposed with request for approval of the State Government in F&E Department.

1.	Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak, IFS (Retd),	
	Ex-Member Secretary National Tiger Conservation Authority,	
	MoEF & CC, Govt. of India (email:- anupnayak@gmail.com)	Member
2.	Sri S.N. Patro,	
	President, Odisha Environment Society, Bhubaneswar.	Member
	(email:- snapatro11@gmail.com)	
3.	Sri Amitav Brahma, IFS,	
	CF (Nodal), O/o PCCF & HOFF, Odisha.	Member
4.	Representative of Collector & District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj	Member
5.	Executive Engineer, Mayurbhanj Investigation Division, Udala, Mayurbha	njMember
	(email:- eemid.udala.@rediffmail.com)	
6	Field Director-cum-RCCE Barinada Circle Mayurhhani	Member Secretary

It is therefore requested to convey the approval of the State Government, to arrange for the site visit of the Committee Members and submission of their report as desired by MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar as stated above.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal CCF & HoFF, Odisha