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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF PLOT NO. GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR

BHUBANESWAR-751023

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From

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

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Integrated Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub:- Diversion of 7.043 ha of forest land (Reserved Forest-4.00 ha, Revenue Forest-3.043 ha) for widening and strengthening of Raruan-Fagu-via-Ghagarbeda Road from 0/000 Km to 25/000 Km under the jurisdiction of Karanjia Forest Division in the District of Mayurbhanj by the Executive Engineer, Rairangpur R&B Division

F.No.5-ORC527/2022-BHU dated 02.09.2022 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In reference to the letter cited above on the captioned subject, the compliance to the observations of GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar as furnished by the DFO, Karanjia Forest Division and FD-STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle are detailed below:-

Observation (1):- The user agency has not furnished the shape/KML file of entire stretch of road alignment proposed for widening with proposal.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the DFO, Karanjia has submitted the Shape/ KML Files of entire stretch of road alignment proposed for widening in form of CD which is enclosed.

Observation (2):- State Govt. has reported that elephants and other wildlife are noticed in the area. However, to mitigate the impact on elephant and other wildlife habitat, measures have not been recommended.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD-STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the proposal for diversion of forest land has been applied only for widening of the existing road and not for a new road. The elephants and other wildlife are occasionally noticed in that area and there is no elephant corridor / National Park / Sanctuary / ESZ in the nearby area of the proposed road. However, there is no impact on wildlife habitat but occasionally some migratory wildlife are noticed.

Observation (3):- As per DSS, the proposed CA area is 2.17 Km away from nearest the Gambharia RF. How far the management of this CA area of 7.043 ha will be feasible may be furnished.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the FD-STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the proposed compensatory afforestation area is suitable for plantation for management point of view. Provision of watering and adequate fencing has been provided in the scheme. Identified and suitable allotted land has been taken for CA and if approved the purpose of bring up more nonforest area to the domain of forest land can be achieved.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations pointed out by Government of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according approval for diversion of 7.043 ha of forest land (Reserved Forest-4.00 ha, Revenue Forest-3.043 ha) for widening and strengthening of Raruan-Fagu-via-Ghagarbeda Road from 0/000 Km to 25/000 Km under the jurisdiction of Karanjia Forest Division in the District of Mayurbhanj by the Executive Engineer, Rairangpur R&B Division under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Shape/KML File in CD

Yours faithfully

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

Memo No. 20302

/Dt. 01.10.2022

Copy alongwith Shape/KML file in CD forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to FE&CC Department Letter No. 10F(Cons) 33/2022/16017/FE&CC dated 08.09.2022.

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

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the FD-STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 4020 dated 28.09.2022.

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

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the DFO, Karanjia Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4022 dated 28.09.2022 of FD-STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle.

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

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Rairangpur R&B Division, Rairangpur, Dist-Mayurbhanj, Odisha, Pin-757043 for information and necessary action.

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