

STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF PLOT NO.GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR BHUBANESWAR-751023

No.

11837

/9F(Others)-430/2021

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the

10-16

June, 2022

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (C) MoEF& CC, Govt. of India, IRO A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Diversion of 0.094 ha of Revenue Forest Land in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District under Chandaka Wildlife Division for accommodation of staff.

Sir,

In inviting reference to letter No. 5-ORB509/2022- BHU dated 28.04.2022 of Scientist- C, GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar on the above mentioned subject, it is to inform that the point wise information received from RCCF, Bhubaneswar & DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division, is as detailed below:-

<u>Point No.1:</u>—At Sl. No. 9 of Part-II, the DFO Chandaka (WL) Division has reported NO violation of FC Act, 1980 whereas at Sl No.13 of Part-II and Sl no. 18 of his Site Inspection Report, it is reported that the user agency has constructed buildings, hotel & compound wall without prior approval of MoEF& CC in contravention of FC Act, 1980. The report of DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division is contradicting above each other points mentioned reported by him.

In compliance to above, the DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division has stated vide his memo no. 2563 dated 12.05.2022 (Copy enclosed) that at Sl. No. 9 of Part-II it was mentioned as **No** which is a typographical error & it may kindly be read as **Yes**.

Further, at Sl. No. 13 of Part-II where in it was mentioned that Building and Hotel has been constructed and there is violation of F.C. Act, 1980. However, the user agency has actually constructed compound wall over revenue forest kissam land without prior approval from Government of India, MoEF& CC in contravention of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It is pertinent to mention that, this fact has been rightly mentioned at Sl. No. 18 of Site Inspection report furnished by the DFO, Chandaka (WL).



<u>Point No.2:</u> In the recommendation, it is not clear that whether this violation is attributable to the user agency or not. So that this case can be processed as per the provision in Para 1.21 of Handbook of FC Act guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter dated 28.03.2021.

In compliance to above, the DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division has stated that Revenue Forest land of area 0.094 ha has been allotted in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotel & Resorts Pvt. Ltd by the GA & PG Department, Government of Odisha during the year 2000. The name M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Pvt. Ltd. has been changed to M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. under the complies Act, 1956 on 10.04.2006 by the Registrar of Companies Orissa. But M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. has commenced its hotel business operation in the year 2009. The user agency has constructed the compound wall over the said land without prior approval from Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change in contravention of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It is an explicit violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Therefore, the violation is attributable to the user agency.

This is for favour of information of Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As above

Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 11838

/Dated 10.06.2022

Copy alongwith its enclosure submitted to Addl. Secretary to Government in FE&CC, Department, Bhubaneswar, for information and necessary action with reference to Gol, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar letter dt.28.04.2022.

Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 11839

/Dated 10 .06 2022

Copy forwarded to Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his office Memo No.1720 dated 21.05.2022.

Chief Conservator of Forests

Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 11840

/Dated 10-06-2022

Copy forwarded to Divisional Forest Officer, Chandaka (WL) Division for information and necessary action with reference to his office Memo No.2563 dated 12.05.2022.

Chief Conservator of Forests

Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

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Memo No. <u>2563/</u>4F (F.C. Act & Lease) – 39/2022 Dated, Bhubaneswar the **12th May, 2022**

То

The Chief Conservator of Forests

(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act) O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha

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: Letter No. 5-ORB509/2022-BHU dtd. 28.04.2022 of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, IRO, Bhubaneswar

Inviting a reference to the above cited letter on the captioned subject; the pointwise compliance is furnished below:

- (i) 1. At Sl. No. 9 of PART-II it is a typographical error & it is a case of violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 which may be viewed as **Yes**.
 - 2. At Sl. No. 13 of PART-II it is wrongly written as Building & Hotel. The user agency has actually constructed only compound wall over the land without prior approval from Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change in contravention of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
 - 3. As per Sl. No. 18 of the **Site Inspection Report** has nothing to change.
- (ii) Revenue Forest Land of area 0.094 Ha. has been allotted in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Pvt. Ltd. by the GA & PG Department, Government of Odisha during the year 2000. (Page No. 29 & 30 of the DP). The name M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Pvt. Ltd. has been changed to M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. under the companies Act, 1956 on 10.04.2006 by the Registrar of Companies Orissa. (Page No. 27 of the DP). But M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd. has commenced its Hotel business operation in the year 2009. The user agency has constructed the compound

wall over the said land without prior approval from Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change in contravention of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Therefore, the violation is attributable to the user agency.

Divisional Forest Officer Chandaka Wildlife Division ABhubaneswar

Memo No.**2564**/dt.**12.05.2022/**

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle, Bhubaneswar for favour of information and necessary action with reference to No. 5-ORB509/2022-BHU dtd. 28.04.2022 of the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Divisional Forest Officer Chandaka Wildlife Division &Bhubaneswar

Memo No.**2565**/dt.**12.05.2022/**

Copy forwarded to the Sri. M. R. Prasad, Scientist 'C', Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, IRO, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to No. 5-ORB509/2022-BHU dtd. 28.04.2022 Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Divisional Forest Officer Chandaka Wildlife Division A Bhubaneswar

Memo No.**2566**/dt.**12.05.2022/**

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 his letter dtd. 05.05.2022.

Divisional Forest Officer Chandaka Wildlife Division CA Bhubaneswar