



OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
ROURKELA CIRCLE, AT/P.O. PANPOSH, ROURKELA-769 004.

Memo No. 329 /3F(Misc)748/2020

Date: 11-02-2020

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act),
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha.

Sub:

Proposal for diversion of 1.990 ha forest land for laying of Pipeline for transportation of Iron Ore slurry from Barbil to Angul of M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd under Keonjhar, Deogarh and Angul Forest Division.

Ref:

- i) Your Memo No.21818 Dtd.10.12.2019.
- ii) This office Memo No.3508 dtd.17.12.2019 & 210 Dtd.01.02.2020.
- iii) Memo No.590 dtd.27.01.2020 & 977 Dtd.10.02.2020 of the DFO, Deogarh Division.
- iv) Memo No.595 dtd.30.01.2020 of the DFO, Keonjhar Division.

The DFO, Deogarh & Keonjhar Division vide their Memo No.589 dtd.27.01.2020, 976 Dtd.10.02.2020 & Memo No.594 dtd.30.01.2020 on the captioned subject addressed to this office and copies endorsed to you in the next Memos of even dates have submitted the point wise compliance with the discrepancies observed vide your aforecited Memo which may kindly be perused.

The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Deogarh & Keonjhar Division are as follows:-

1. **The CA scheme has been prepared at the wage rate of Rs.213.50 per MD. Hence, you are requested to revise the CA scheme at the current wage rate of Rs.298/- per MD.**

The compliance with this observation has been given under Point No.2 below.

2. **You have proposed to take up block plantation @ 1600 seedlings per ha in CA land indentified in village Kurumula under Pallahara Tahasil in Khamar Range of Deogarh Forest Division. On checking of the KML file of CA land through decision support system, it is observed that the CA land contains moderately dense forest. In case, if it is not possible to raise plantation @ 1000 plants per ha in the selected non-forest land, then the balance plants shall be planted on degraded forest land as per Working Plan Prescription. All the forest land which have crown density below 40% shall be treated as degraded forest land. In this regard para-2.4 (vi) of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest (Conservation) Rule, 2003 of Gol, MoEF & CC issued vide letter F.No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.20 19 of Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi may be referred to.**

The DFO, Deogarh Division vide her aforecited Memo had submitted a single Compensatory Afforestation scheme wherein, she had proposed for afforestation over 1.99 ha of non-forest land identified in village Kurumula under Pallahara Tahasil in Khamar Range of Deogarh Forest Division with a provision of planting @700 saplings per ha. alongwith plantation over 1.00 ha. of degraded forest land was identified nearby inside Chargoohia RF in Khamar Forest Range @ 600 saplings per ha.

In view of the above, the DFO, Deogarh Division was requested vide this office Memo No.210 Dtd.01.02.2020 with copy to you in the next Memo of even date to submit two separate schemes for Compensatory Afforestation i.e. one in non-forest land and the other in the degraded forest land by taking the existing forest growth into consideration. In pursuance of the same, the DFO, Deogarh Division vide her Memo No. 976 Dtd.10.02.2020 has reported that, the field verifications have been carried out after the findings of Decision Support System for the said area.

Accordingly, the site specific compensatory schemes have been prepared at the cost norm of Rs. 298/- per man day in **ANR plantation mode @ 600 seedlings per Ha. over 1.99 ha. of Non-forest land in village Kurumula under Pallahara Tahsil and another scheme in ANR plantation mode @400 seedlings per Ha. over 2 ha. of degraded forest land in Charigochhia RF under Khamar Range.** As reported by her, the inspection of the site(1.99 ha. in private land purchased by the User Agency) have been done & the area was found suitable for CA@ 600 seedlings/ha. Plantation of remaining 800 nos. of saplings has been proposed over 2 ha. of degraded forest land indentified inside Chargoohia RF having canopy cover of less than 40%.

The aforesaid two schemes are enclosed in the diversion proposal at **Page 186-206 & 206 A – 206 S** respectively (DP in respect of Deogarh Division).

The above CA schemes have also been incorporated in the DP of Keonjhar Division vide **Annexure-XVII at Page-114-134 & 134 A – 134 S.**

3. **The Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Ltd. (IPICOL) vide their letter No.SJ/SLS WCA-217 (2)/ 11326 dated 01.03.2012 has intimated to Managing Director, M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. that the State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) in its 43rd Meeting held on 08.02.2012 has considered the proposal to lay 14" slurry pipeline from Barbil to plant site at Angul. On scrutiny of the proposal, you have proposed to lay slurry pipeline of 20" dia. Hence, you are requested to furnish administrative approval of the competent authority to lay slurry pipeline of 20" dia.**

As per the report of both the DFOs of Deogarh & Keonjhar Division, the User agency have furnished their compliance vide their letter (Ref.No.JSPL/ ANGL/SPP/2020/004 dated 27.01.2020 addressed to the DFO,Keonjhar Division enclosed) as detailed hereunder:-

- IPICOL vide their letter No.SJ/ SLS WCA -217 (2)/11326 dated 01.03.2012 has granted in principle approval for laying of 14" dia pipeline for Slurry transportation **with a condition in point no (d) that NOC from OSPCB is needed before installation of the project.**
 - As per condition, given in IPICOL letter (Point No: d), JSPL had applied for CTE to OSPCB mentioning the requirement of 12 MTPA / 20" OD slurry pipeline.
 - The OSPCB vide their letter No: 11898 dated 04/07/15 had granted CTE for laying of Slurry pipeline for transportation of 12 MTPA Iron ore fines, which need 20" OD pipeline.
 - In this regard, the user agency has submitted documents listed below which are forwarded for your kind perusal
- i) CTE granted by OSPCB [**Page 240 to 243/DP of Deogarh Division**] & [**Page 179 to 183/DP of Keonjhar Division**]
 - ii) Proceedings of Consent Committee of OSPCB [**Page 244 to 246/DP of Deogarh Division**] & [**Page 184 to 186/DP of Keonjhar Division**]
 - iii) Inspection report of Regional Officer, OSPCB, Keonjhar [**Page 247 to 260/DP of Deogarh Division**] & [**Page 187 to 200/DP of Keonjhar Division**]
 - iv) Inspection report of Regional Officer, OSPCB, Angul [**Page 261 to 269/DP of Deogarh Division**] & [**Page 201 to 209/DP of Keonjhar Division**]
4. **It has been mentioned in the DP that out of 198.56 Km total length slurry pipeline, 29.36 Km length of slurry pipeline requires re-diversion. Out of 29.36 Km of slurry pipeline involved in the re-diversion, consists of 4.810 Km of slurry pipeline passing through forest land involving 2.405 ha of forest land. So, you are requested to submit the Stage-II approval order of the diverted forest land and the compliance of the conditions imposed in Stage-II approval of the project which involves 2.405 ha of forest land and requires re-diversion.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division the aforesaid observation relates to Angul Division.

However, both the DFOs of Deogarh & Keonjhar Division have submitted the copies of Stage – II approval order of the MoEF accorded vide letter F.No.8-75/2008-FC dated 28.10.2010 which are enclosed in their respective Diversion Proposals

[Page 270 to Page 277/DP of Deogarh Division & Page 210 to Page 217/DP of Keonjhar Division].

Further, the DFO, Deogarh Division has submitted the copy of compliances submitted by Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. vide their letter No.JSPL/ Angul/ L&A/ 2010/205 Dated 09.12.2010 along with all annexure in 11 nos. against the conditions of the aforesaid Stage-II approval order of MoEF which is enclosed at **[Page 278 to Page 292/DP in respect of Deogarh Division & Page 218 to Page 232/DP in respect of Keonjhar Division].**

5. **You are requested to furnish land schedule of diverted forest land which includes re- diversion of 2.405 ha of forest land along with the status of Non-Forest land involved in the diverted project as on 25.10.1980.**

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, the aforesaid observation relates to Angul Division.

However, both the DFOs of Deogarh & Keonjhar Division have enclosed the Land Schedule of the diverted forest land of 168.232 ha which is annexed to the copy of Stage- II approval order of the said diverted forest land as submitted by the User Agency **[Page 272 to Page 277/DP in respect of Deogarh Division & Page 212 to Page 217/DP in respect of Keonjhar Division].**

Further, they have submitted the copy of PART-I of FORM A of the approved/diverted forest land proposal pertaining to establishment of Integrated Steel Plant with C.P.P. at Angul as submitted by the User Agency **(Page 311 to 326/DP of Deogarh Division & Page 233 to 248/DP of Keonjhar Division)**. This PART-I contains approved land use plan of 168.232 ha of total diverted forest land which includes 4.132 ha of forest land towards water pipeline corridor(**Page 322/DP of Deogarh Division & Page 244/DP of Keonjhar Division**). Within the aforesaid water pipeline corridor involving 4.132 ha. of diverted forest land, 2.405 ha. has been proposed for Re-diversion towards Slurry pipeline. The land schedule of 4.132 ha.of diverted forest land which includes 2.405 ha of forest land proposed for Re-diversion finds place in seventh column of the Land schedule Table **(Page 293 to 294/DP of Deogarh Division & Page 249 to Page 250/DP of Keonjhar Division)**.

As per the report of both the DFOs of Deogarh & Keonjhar Division, the Certificates on the Status of the portion of non-forest land involved in the Slurry pipeline project proposed for Re-diversion as on 25.10.1980 along with certified land schedule which are also the land status of non-forest land involved in the diverted project as on 25.10.1980 **(Page 295 to Page 310/DP in respect of Deogarh Division & Page 251 to Page 266/DP of Keonjhar Division)**.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action at your end.

Encl: As above in four sets of diversion proposal.

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[Signature]
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 330

Date: 11-02-2020

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Deogarh Division for information and necessary action with reference to her Memo No. 589 Dtd.27.01.2020 & 976 Dtd.10.02.2020.

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[Signature]
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 331

Date: 11-02-2020

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 594 Dtd.30.01.2020.

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[Signature]
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 332 Date: 11-02-2020

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Division for information and necessary action with reference to the Memo No. 592 Dtd.27.01.2020 of the DFO,Deogarh Division & this office Memo No.213 Dtd.01.02.2020.

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J Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

Memo No. 333 Date: 11-02-2020

Copy forwarded to the Asst. General Manager, M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd., Chhendipada Road, SH-63, Jindal Nagar, Angul for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 593 Dtd.27.01.2020 & 978 Dtd.10.02.2020 of the DFO,Deogarh Division .

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