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Memo No. 6190 /5F-FC-15/2025 dated- 6.11.25

To
The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (FD & NO) FC Act
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha.

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 87.520 ha. of forest land for construction of Hidsingh Irrigation Project including alternate road in Angul Forest Division under Angul District:- Submission of compliance report as per EDS raised by the MoEF & CC.

Ref: (i) Letter dated 06.10.2025 of GoI, MoEF & CC, FC Division.
(ii) Memo No.30917 /FE & CC dated 14.10.2025 of ODS-cum-Special Secretary to Govt. in FE & CC Department, Odisha.

In inviting references to the letters cited above on the subject this is to inform that Govt. of India, MoEF & CC have raised 4 nos. of EDS in respect of the above project vide memo under reference. Accordingly, the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Division vide his Memo No.9630 dated 31.10.2025 (**Copy enclosed**) has submitted point-wise compliance on the EDS raised by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC. The point-wise compliance is furnished below:-

Observation-1 The proposed project area falls within a critical elephant habitat and the Mahanadi Elephant Reserve (proposed for extension). Further, it is observed that open canals are proposed under the project, which may obstruct elephant movement and pose a risk to their safety. Therefore, a detailed wildlife mitigation plan may be prepared in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden, incorporating suitable mitigation measures at strategic locations and other site-specific interventions to ensure unhindered and safe passage for elephants.

Compliance In compliance to this observation, the DFO, Angul Division has incorporated all the mitigation measures in the Animal Passage Plan presented in Chapter V of the Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan (SSWCP). The said SSWCP has been recommended and submitted to the PCCF (WL) & CWLW vide this office Memo No. 5672 dated 04.10.2025 for necessary approval. Further, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to deposit the total cost of the SSWCP as approved by the PCCF (Wildlife), Odisha, Bhubaneswar, and to implement the mitigation

measures mentioned therein. Besides, the user agency has agreed to comply with any additional mitigation measures that may be recommended by the State Forest Department in future and to deposit the requisite additional cost as determined by the Department. A copy of the undertaking and all connected documents is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

Observation-2 As per the DSS analysis, cultivation land, water stream (Bauli Nallah) and road is visible in the proposed forest land for diversion. The State Govt, shall provide justification in this regard.

Compliance In compliance to this observation and as reported by the DFO, Angul Division that the user agency, i.e. Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, Angul, has intimated that the total land involved (including forest land) in the reservoir area has been considered based on the certified copy of the Record of Rights (ROR) issued by the Tahasildar, Angul for the respective villages. The road to be submerged due to the construction of this project is approximately 3.65 km, which is part of State Highway No. 23. The User Agency has intimated the Executive Engineer, Angul (R & B) Division, Angul, vide Letter No. 667/WE dated 07.03.2018 regarding the submergence and the alternate road proposed for construction. The Forest land on which the proposed road to be constructed comes to 13.394 Ha. including total forest land of 87.52 Ha. The RFCTLARR Act. 2013 (Right to Fair compensation & Transparency in land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement) would be followed at the time of land acquisition. A copy of all the connected documents submitted by the DFO, Angul Division is enclosed as **Annexure-2**. Further, the component-wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion is furnished below:-

Sl No.	Component	Forest Land (in Ha.)
1	Reservoir Area	58.487
2	Right Main Canal	9.401
3	Left Main Canal	6.238
4	Alternate Road	13.394
Total Forest Land		87.52

Observation-3 The component wise KML file of the entire project area (forest & non-forest) is not available. The same shall be provided.

Compliance In compliance to this observation, the User Agency has submitted the component-wise KML file of the entire project area, which is enclosed herewith in a **pen drive**.

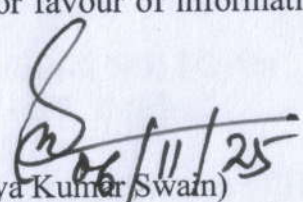
Observation-4 The State shall ensure that Compensatory Afforestation (CA) sites are free from all sorts of encroachments and encumbrances. A detailed report in this regard shall be submitted.

Compliance

In compliance to this observation, the lands identified for Compensatory Afforestation are free from all kinds of encroachments and encumbrances. A joint verification has already been conducted in the presence of officials from the Forest Department, the Revenue Department, and the respective user agency to assess the suitability of the CA land and confirm its freedom from encroachment. The Joint Verification Report is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-3**.

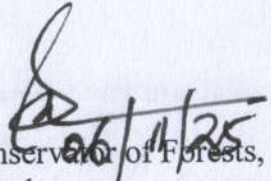
In view of the above compliances, the annexures and undertaking submitted by the DFO, Angul Division is forwarded herewith in **three** sets for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl :- As above.


(Dr. Sanjaya Kumar Swain)
Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Angul.

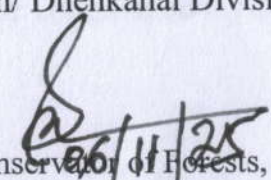
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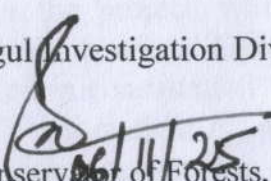
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Copy forwarded to the the Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, Angul for information and necessary action .


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