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To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests
Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division)
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road
Aliganj, New Delhi-110003

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 87.520Ha. of forest land for construction of Hidsing Irrigation Project including Alternate Road in Angul Forest Division under Angul District by Executive Engineer, Cuttack Investigation Division, Cuttack of Water Resource Department, Govt. of Odisha (Proposal No. FP/OR/IRRIG/28837/2017)

Ref: Online EDS dated 24.01.2025 of Govt. of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.

Sir,

In reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi have raised online EDS dated 24.01.2025 on 13 points. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Angul Forest Division and RCCF, Angul Circle are as follows:-

Observation No.i:- The proposal was accepted by the Nodal Officer in 2017 and now after lapsing of almost of 7 years it has been submitted to the Ministry for approval on PARIVESH 1.0. The reasons with cogent and valid justification for submitting the proposal with such extraordinary delay shall be submitted.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, Angul, has informed that the proposal has been delayed due to the following reasons:

- Change in the alignment of the proposed area.
- Finalization of an alternative road from Angul to Tikarpara.
- Selection and finalization of non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation (CA).
- Selection and finalization of degraded forest land for Addl CA.
- Disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Revision of CA schemes due to changes in wage rates.

Observation No.ii:- As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No. FC-11/118/2021- FC dated 25.01.2024 the State Govt. shall complete the procedures laid down in the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, the minutes of the meeting of Project Screening Committee (PSC), shall be attached with part-IV of forms and processing of proposals, through Conservator of Forests, for completing the procedural/technical purposes". The compliance in this regards is required.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported the FDP documents have been uploaded on the PARIVESH 1.0 Portal of the MoEF & CC, Government of India. As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No. FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 25.01.2024, the project was discussed in 72nd meeting of Project Screening Committee (PSC) held on 07.07.2025 and recommended the proposal.

The minutes of the Project Screening Committee (PSC) is enclosed as **Annexure-I**. This project is at Sl No. 9 of the minutes.

Observation No.iii:- As Schedule-I species reported in the area, comments of PCCF (Wildlife) and CWLW Odisha on the likely impact of the project on the movement of wildlife needs to be furnished by the State. Further, comments may also be furnished on the adequacy of mitigation measures like Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan or Comprehensive Integrated Wildlife Management proposed for the area.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan is under preparation and will be submitted to the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Odisha soon for approval.

Observation No.iv:- The State Government has not uploaded the copy of the approval letter for Catchment Area Treatment Plan on Parivesh portal. The same need to be uploaded.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that a copy of the approved Catchment Area Treatment Plan has been uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal of the MoEF & CC, Government of India. A copy of the approved Financial Outlay of Catchment Area Treatment Plan is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Observation No.v:- The State Government has not uploaded site suitability certificate over 94.216 ha on parivesh portal. The same need to be uploaded.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Suitability Certificate for 94.216 ha has been uploaded on the PARIVESH 1.0 Portal of the MoEF & CC, Government of India. A copy of the Suitability Certificate for 94.216 ha of non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) duly signed by the DFO, Deogarh Division is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Observation No.vi:- As per the DSS analysis, proposed CA over 94.216 ha of non-forest land is falling inside the Reserve Forest boundary. In this regard the State Govt. shall certify that the proposed CA land is non-forest land.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the proposed CA land over 94.216 ha is confirmed to be non-forest land. The Joint Verification Report, along with the

land schedule, has been uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal of the MoEF & CC, Government of India.

The Joint Verification Report along with the land schedule, is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

Observation No.vii:- KML file of the additional compensatory afforestation over 140.743 ha degraded forest land has not been provided/uploaded. The same shall be provided.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the KML file additional Compensatory Afforestation over 140.743 ha of degraded forest land is enclosed in a Pen drive.

Observation No.viii:- The State Government in their forwarding letter has reported that total 4425 number of trees and 1598 number of poles enumerated to be felled in the forest land. However, DFO in Part-II on PARIVESH has reported that total 514 nos. of trees enumerated to be felled. This needs clarification and correction in the form.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the DFO, Angul Division has stated that a total no. of 4425 trees have been enumerated for felling in the forest land. 4425 Nos of trees have been mentioned in Part-II on Parivesh. The abstract of tree enumeration in forest land is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

Observation No.ix:- Shape/KML file of the forest land proposed for diversion over 87.52 ha is not available on PARIVESH portal. This needs to be uploaded.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Shape/KML file of the forest land proposed for diversion over 87.52 ha has been uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal of the MoEF& CC, Government of India. The Shape/KML file of the forest land proposed for diversion is also enclosed in a Pen drive.

Observation No.x:- As reported by the State Govt. that administrative approval given by the Central Water Commission, Govt. of India vide their letter no. M&A/AP-1/2012/13-15 dated 04.01.2013, in this regard the State Govt. shall provide the comments whether the said approval is valid as on date.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Administrative Approval has been granted by the Central Water Commission, Government of India, vide their letter No. M&A/AP-1/2012/13-15 dated 04.01.2013. The Director M&A, Bhubaneswar, Central Water Commission vide their letter dated 01.03.2024 intimated the cost of the Project to the Chief Engineer Planning. Engineer in Chief, Planning & Design, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide letter dated 24.08.2024 who has recommended the project to Central Water Commission and Ministry of Water Resources for acceptance of the project. Copies of the above letters are enclosed as **Annexure-VI Series**.

Observation No.xi:- The State Govt. / user agency shall furnish a report from the State Dam Safety Organization (SDSO) regarding all technical aspects wrt the dam. The recommendations shall be implemented by the user agency to avoid any possible unforeseen conditions. In this regard an undertaking shall be provided by the user Agency.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency, Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, Angul, has submitted necessary undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division in this context, which is enclosed as **Annexure-VII**.

Observation No.xii:- Further, the State Government shall provide a copy of approval of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) on the recommendations made by the State Dam Safety Organization (SDSO) and submit the same.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the aforementioned project has been examined by the Central Design Organization with reference to the checklist as per the latest guidelines for the preparation of the DPR issued by the Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR (2010). Copy of the letter dated 24.08.2024 of the Engineer-in-Chief, Planning & Design, Odisha, Bhubaneswar is enclosed in **Annexure-VI Series**.

Observation No.xiii:- The site is also coming within Eco Sensitive Zone of Satkosia TR and as per the information provided the proposal for seeking WL clearance is under process. As the KML file of the proposed diversion is not available therefore, it is not known that how much area is falling in ESZ and whether FC and WL clearance can be processed parallel or WL clearance is required first as per the guidelines. In this regard the State Govt. shall provide their comments.

Compliance :- In compliance to above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the KML file of the proposed diversion of 87.52 ha of forest land has been uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal. As per guideline No. F-8-64/2013-FC, dated 20th August 2014, issued by the MoEF & CC, Government of India: "Approval granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, will not be linked to the grant of clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL), except in cases where the land proposed for diversion falls within protected areas, for which prior approval of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is required." Copy of the KML file of the forest area proposed for diversion is enclosed in **Pen-drive**. A copy of guideline No. F-8-64/2013-FC, dated 20th August 2014, issued by the MoEF& CC, Government of India, is enclosed as **Annexure-VIII**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the online EDS of GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi dated 24.01.2025 is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As Above

Yours faithfully

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

Memo No. **16522** / Dt. **05.08.2025**

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for information and necessary action with reference to online EDS dated 24.01.2025 of Govt. of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. **16523** / Dt. **05.08.2025**

Copy alongwith one set of compliance forwarded to the Special Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to online EDS dated 24.01.2025 of Govt. of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Encl: As above

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 16524 /Dt. 05.08.2025

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.2628 dated 05.06.2025.

[Signature] 4/8/2025

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 16525 /Dt. 05.08.2025

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.2629 dated 05.06.2025 of RCCF, Angul Circle.

[Signature] 4/8/2025

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 16526 /Dt. 05.08.2025

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Deogarh/Dhenkanal Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.2630 dated 05.06.2025 of RCCF, Angul Circle.

[Signature] 4/8/2025

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 16527 /Dt. 05.08.2025

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, Angul for information with reference to Memo No.2631 dated 05.06.2025 of RCCF, Angul Circle.

[Signature] 4/8/2025

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)