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Memo No. 5306 / 3F-18/2023.

Dated, Baripada the 14th December, 2023.

To

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

Sub:- Diversion of 1.849Ha. of Forest Land for implementation of Dhamra-Haldia Pipeline (DHPL) project, a spur line of Jagadishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL) project in Bhadrak, Balasore & Mayurbhanj Districts of Odisha by GAIL (India) Limited (A Govt. of India Undertaking).

Ref:- Your memo no.21372/9F(Pipeline)-401/2022, dt.02.11.2023 and memo no.9553, dt.14.12.2023 of DFO, Baripada Forest Division.

In inviting a kind reference memo on the subject cited above, the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Division vide his memo no.9552, dt.14.12.2023 has submitted compliance report on the point no.(iii) raised vide No.5-ORB557/2023-BHU, dtd.28.03.2023 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar which is furnished below.

Observation No.(iii) The user agency has laid pipeline over 0.2379ha. of Revenue forest land in Baripada Forest Division without prior approval under FC Act. 1980. Detailed action taken report on violation of FC Act. 1980 alongwith name and designation of erring officials responsible for negligence of duties causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose.

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the DFO, Baripada Division has informed that the Tahasildar, Betnoti Tahasil has taken appropriate action for use of 0.2379ha. of revenue forest land in Baripada Forest Division by the User Agency without prior approval under FC Act. 1980. A copy of letter no.4693//Revenue, Dt.07.12.2023 of Tahasildar, Betnoti addressed to Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj in support of compliance of the observation is enclosed herewith.


Hence, the compliance report of Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Forest Division submitted vide his memo no.9552, dt.14.12.2023 alongwith its enclosures is sent herewith for taking necessary action at your end.

Encl.: - As above.


Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve
-Cum- Regional CCF, Baripada.


Memo No. 5307/Dt 14-12-2023

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his memo no.9552 dt.14.12.2023.


Field Director, Siimilipal Tiger Reserve
-Cum- Regional CCF, Baripada.

Memo No. 5308/Dt 14-12-2023

Copy forwarded to the Dy. General Manager (B.I.S), GAIL India Limited, 612, Utkal Signature, Pahala, NH-5, Bhubaneswar-752101, **(E-mail-skpanda@gail.co.in)** for information and necessary action.


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