



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

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28 DEC 2023

No. / 9F (Road) – 343/2022
Dated, Bhubaneswar the December'2023

From

Sri Susanta Nanda, IFS
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur
Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: **Diversion of 6.56 ha of forest land for construction of Bolangir Bypass Road (West) by the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Bolangir under Bolangir Forest Division – Compliance to GoI observations regarding.**

Ref:- Letter F.No.5-ORC603/2023- BHU dated 29.09.2023 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar letter cited above on the captioned subject, the compliance basing on the reports of DFO, Bolangir Forest Division and RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle are as follows:-

Observation (a):- The DFO, Bolangir has reported that no violation has been committed by the user agency under F.C. Act, 1980. However, as per DSS analysis, violation is observed in some portion of forest land proposed for diversion. Detail action taken report & extent of forest area used under violation of FC Act, 1980 along with name and designation of erring officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose may be furnished.

Compliance: The RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle has furnished the copy of the compliance report submitted by the Executive Engineer, Bolangir N.H. Division which is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I.**

Observation (b):- The concerned Tahasildar has not furnished non-encroachment & non-encumbrance certificate of CA land identified with the proposal. Agricultural activities and un-metalled road are observed in CA patches. This may be clarified by the State Govt. in view of the suitability of CA land and encroachment free land.

Compliance: The RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle has furnished the non-encroachment & non-encumbrance certificate of the Compensatory Afforestation land identified for the above project duly signed by the Tahasildar-cum-Executive Magistrate, Bolangir, DFO, Bolangir and others which is enclosed as **Annexure-II.**

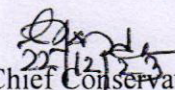
Observation (c):- The user agency has not furnished KML file of entire proposed road alignment with the proposal.

Compliance: The RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle has furnished the KML file of entire proposed road alignment submitted by the Executive Engineer, Bolangir N.H. Division which is appended in a pen drive.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl-As above

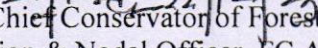
Yours faithfully


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

Memo No. 25192 /Dt. 26.12.2023

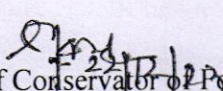
Copy alongwith its enclosures forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter F.No.5-ORC603/2023- BHU dated 29.09.2023 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar.

Encl-As above


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


Memo No. /Dt.

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhawanipatna Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 4785 dated 11.12.2023.


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

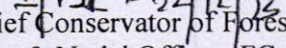
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Bolangir Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 4786 dated 11.12.2023 of RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle.


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

Memo No. _____ Dt.

Copy forwarded to Executive Engineer, NH Division, Bolangir-767001 for information and necessary action with reference to Letter F.No.5-ORC603/2023- BHU dated 29.09.2023 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar.


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

Annexure-I,



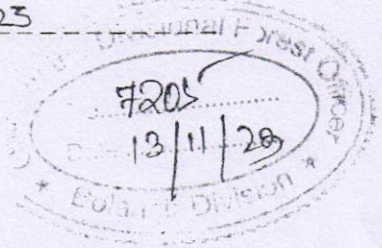
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
NATIONAL HIGHWAY DIVISION, BOLANGIR.**

E-MAIL I.D.: - eenhbolangir@gmail.com

No. 2816 Date 10.11.2023

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Balangir Forest Division,
Balangir.



Sub: - Submission of Compliance for Diversion of 6.56 ha. of forest land for construction of Balangir By-pass -Reg.

Ref: - 1) Your Good Office letter no. 8249, dated 06.11.2023

Sir,

In inviting a kind reference to the subject cited above, it is to submit herewith the point-wise compliance to the objections raised by Dy. Inspector General of Forest (C), MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar as below.

1. As per DSS analysis, violation has been observed in some portions of forest land proposed for Diversion

(a) In Balangir By-pass road, three numbers of Revenue villages are coming, namely Puintala, Bishnumunda & Bijakhaman. Out of a total area of 69.15 ha. required for construction of NH Bypass Road, the revenue forest area comes to be 6.56Ha spread across 23 nos. of patches. However, in DSS analysis/Google imagery, violations on revenue forest land are observed at 8 nos. of plots. This is due to the absence of any clear demarcation between forest and non forest land. So, while preparing for the execution of work and during vehicular movement in the private land, the fly ash was mistakenly spread over adjoining revenue forest land which was later removed completely without harming any vegetation.

(b) In Bijakhaman village, the revenue forest in plot No- 1733 & 1712, the land is temporarily being used as Truck parking during the no-entry period to Balangir Town from 6.00 AM to 10.00 PM. The track path shown in plot No-1486&1525 is actually a footpath, used by the local villagers since long back.

(c) In Bishnumunda village, the revenue forest in plot No-1120 & 843, it has occurred due to the reason as mentioned in 1(a).

(d) In Puintala village, the revenue forest in plot No-1172 & 1187, it has occurred due to the same reason as mentioned in 1(a).

Geo-tagged photographs of all the plots are enclosed herewith for kind appraisal.

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2. The non-encroachment and non-encumbrance certificate of the Compensatory Afforestation land identified for the above project from Tahasildar, Balangir is required.

The non-encroachment and non-encumbrance certificate of the Compensatory Afforestation land identified for the above project has been submitted by Tahasildar, Balangir.(point no2) (Enclosed).

3. The KML file of the entire proposed road alignment.

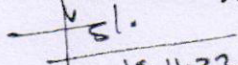
The KML file of the entire proposed road alignment is submitted in a pen drive (Enclosed).

In view of the above, it is requested to consider the case and take the necessary steps for processing the diversion proposal in the larger public interest.

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

Encl.: As above

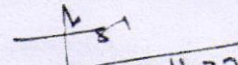
Yours faithfully,


16.11.23
Executive Engineer

Balangir NH Division

Memo No. 2817 Date. 10.11.2023

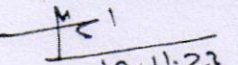
Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, N.Hs., Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.


10.11.23
Executive Engineer

Balangir NH Division

Memo No. 2818 Date. 10.11.2023


Copy submitted to the ADG-cum-RO, MoRT&H, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.


10.11.23
Executive Engineer

Balangir NH Division

Memo No. 2819 Date. 10.11.2023

Copy submitted to the Chief Construction Engineer, Western National Highway Circle, Sambalpur for favour of kind information and necessary action.


10.11.23
Executive Engineer

Balangir NH Division


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JOINT VERIFICATION REPORT

Date:-		Range:- Balangir			Tahasil:- Balangir					
Sl. No.	Name of village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kissam	Area In Ac.	Block	RDF	Total	Area (Ac) Found unsuitable with reason	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			371	Gramya jungle	3.070	Balangir		3.070		
			372	Gramya jungle	17.520	Balangir		17.520		
			383	Gramya jungle	13.70	Balangir		13.70		
			Total		34.290 Ac./13.876 Ha.			34.290 Ac./13.876 Ha.		

- 1 Certified that the above degraded/non-forest government land as mentioned in column No. 7, 8 & 9 is in compact patches of 5 Ha. or more having adequate soil depth suitable for plantation from management point of view.
- 2 Certified that the above government land found suitable for plantation and is free from encroachment and encumbrance.
- 3 Certified that the above government land is not covered under 4(1) Notification.
- 4 Certified that the above government land is not covered/covered under DLC report/covered under DLC report.
- 5 Certified that the above government land is not allotted previously.
- 6 Certified that the above government land is not covered under M.L./P.L. area.
- 7 Certified that the above plots are not settled in favour of individual/community under F.R. Act, 2006.
- 8 Certified that the status of the above plots was non forest/forest as on 25.10.1980.
- 9 Certified that the above plots are not covered under any proposed reserved forest.
- 10 Certified that the above plots are unfit not only for agriculture, but also for other developmental requirements (applicable in case of Non-forest Govt land)
- 11 Certified that the above plots have no future potential for agrarian or industrial use. (applicable in case of Non-forest Govt land)

Executive Engineer
M. Jagdish Chandra Mishra

Tahasildar-Cum-Executive Magistrate
Balangir

Range Officer
I/C Balangir Forest Range

Divisional Forest Officer
Balangir Forest Division.

Joint field verification report of 6.56 Ha of Revenue Forest area proposed for diversion for construction of Balangir By-pass by Executive Engineer, NH Division, Balangir.

Date of inspection- Dt.28.10.2023

Officials present during inspection- (1)Sri Ghanashyam Mahanta, ACF, Balangir Forest Division.

(3) Md. Shahabaz, Executive Engineer, NH Division, Balangir.

Consequent upon receipt of Memo No-21031/FE&CC, Date.07.10.2023 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government in Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, and as per instruction of Divisional Forest Officer, Balangir Forest Division, I have made inspection to the 6.56 Ha of Revenue Forest Land proposed for diversion for construction of Balangir By- pass road by NH Division Balangir, in presence of Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Balangir on dt. 28.10.2023.

In Balangir By-pass road, to be constructed by NH Division,Balangir, three numbers of revenue villages are coming namely Puintala, Bishnumunda & Bijakhaman. Out of total area of 69.15 ha required for construction, the Revenue Forest area comes to be 6.56 ha, spread across 23 nos of patches.

Observations

In the Google imagery, violations are observed in 8 nos of plots. In the field, there is no clear demarcation between forest and non forest land. As ascertained from the KML file, during vehicular movement in the private land, the fly ash was spread over adjoining forest area. Later on, the fly ash has been removed. Presently, there is no permanent construction in the said area. The geotagged photographs are submitted herewith for favour of your kind perusal.

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05.11.2023

(Sri Ghanashyam Mahanta)
Asst. Conservator of Forests.
Balangir Forest Division.

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