

STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

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Dated, Bhubaneswar the

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To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003.

Sub: Re-diversion of 2.405 ha of forest land for laying of slurry pipe line by M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited out of 168.232 ha of forest land diverted for construction of an Integrated Steel Plant with Captive Power Plant in favour of M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited in District Angul (Odisha) - reg.

Sir.

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi raised objection on the above proposal vide their F. No.8-75/2008-FC (Vol.) dt.06.10.2020 & F. No.5-ORB430/2020-BHU dt.17.01.2021 for re-diversion of 2.405 ha of forest land for laying of slurry pipe line by M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited out of 168.232 ha of forest land already diverted earlier for construction of an Integrated Steel Plant with Captive Power Plants in favour of M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited at Nisha Village in District Angul (Odisha) subject to compliance of four (4) nos. of conditions stipulated therein. The User Agency has complied to the conditions stipulated by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi and Odisha State Government. The point wise compliance basing on the report of the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle are as follows:-

Condition No. (i) The State Government has reported that slurry pipe, involving RoW of 5.0 meters over a length of 20.54 km will be constructed comprising of 4.81 km in forest area. Given the RoW of 5.0 meter total area required for the project will be 10.27 ha instead of 10.575 as reported by the User Agency in the online proposal. Discrepancy in the area may be rectified by the State and area calculation statement, in tabular form, may be provided by the State.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the DFO Angul Division has complied the observation which has been received by him from the user agency vide their letter No.44 dated 26.08.2021 which has been enclosed as Annexure-I & II which is self explanatory.

<u>Condition No. (ii)</u> Alignment of the slurry pipeline depicted on the SoI Toposheet has been referred as Layout Plan of the project in the online proposal. Detailed layout Plan of the project in the forest area indicating the dimension of RoW and its breakup for various uses such as laying of slurry pipe line movement of earth overs, temporary storage of excavated soil, etc needs to be provided by the State.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the DFO, Angul Division has complied the observation which has been received by him from the user agency vide their letter No.44 dated 26.08.2021 which has been enclosed as **Annexure-III** is self explanatory.

Condition No. (iii) Extant slurry pipe line has been proposed in the corridor earmarked laying out a water pipeline for the said project. The State Government may comment whether the course of water pipeline has also been proposed to be altered or the slurry pipe is compatible with the water pipeline. A layout map indicating the slurry pipeline vis-à-vis water pipeline in the forest area may also be submitted by the State.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the DFO, Angul Division has complied the observation which has been received by him from the user agency vide their letter No.44 dated 26.08.2021 which has been enclosed as **Annexure-III** which is self explanatory.

<u>Condition No. (iv)</u> Status of compliance of conditions, stipulated in the approval dated 28.10.2010, may also be furnished.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, it is to mention here that, the Stage-II compliance has already been submitted to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, FE & CC Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide this office Letter No.19200 dated 12.11.2021 which has been enclosed as Annexure-IV.

Further, for compliance to the observation of GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide F. No.8-75/2008-FC (Vol.) dt.06.10.2020, the DFO Angul Division has furnished compliance as received from the UA in their Letter No.ANGL/JSPL/SPL/2020/029 dated 09.12.2020 which is enclosed as **Annexure-IV A** is self explanatory.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions stipulated by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi and the Odisha State Government is forwarded herewith for according Stage-I/ in-principle approval for re-diversion of 2.405 ha of forest land for laying of slurry pipe line by M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited within 168.232 ha of forest land already diverted for construction of an Integrated Steel Plant with Captive Power Plants in favour of M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited under Section 2 Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

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

(Central), MoEF & CC, Government of Ind for information and necessary action. Encl: As above Memo No. Copy along with one set of Stage-I Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment,	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act / Dt. compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief ment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, action with reference to F&E Department letter 02.2021.
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