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Dated 16/11/2023

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Koraput Circle, Koraput.

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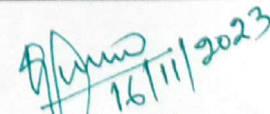
Proposal for Diversion of 5.117 ha. of forest land for construction of Koraput – Singaram Doubling Railway Project from 0.000 km to 74.800 km under Koraput Forest Division by East Coast Railway, Visakhapatnam, Andra Pradesh in Odisha (Proposal No. FP/OR/RAIL/153462/2022, State Sl. No. OR-01/2023 dt. 08.02.2023.

Ref: -

Your Office Memo no. 3827 dtd. 15.11.2023.

In inviting a kind reference to the letter no. cited above on the subject, I am submitting herewith the point wise compliance report in response to observations raised by the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action.


Sl. No.	Observations	Compliances
1	In the forwarding letter under Brief Description at Page No. 3 it has been mentioned that the legal status of forest land applied for diversion is Revenue Forest & Reserved Forest. But under Forest land it has been mentioned that the Forest land is coming under the ambit of One village and three protected forests. It has also been mentioned that the forest land proposed for diversion in Koraput District is 5.117 ha. Out of which, Revenue Forest is 0.124 ha. and PF is 4.993 ha.	Rectified and corrected RF & PRF land=3.815 ha. Revenue Forest including Jungle Block=1.302 ha. Total= 5.117 ha.
2	In Part-II, the DFO, Koraput Forest Division has mentioned that the legal status of forest land proposed for diversion consists of 4.993 ha. of Reserved Forest & 0.124 ha. of Revenue Forest which is contrary to the Forest Land Schedule and Geo-referenced maps enclosed with the DP wherein in addition to the Revenue Forest land, Kotraghati PF, Baghaparmar PF and Lakshmipur PF has been included.	Rectified and Corrected as per site inspection of DFO, Koraput as detailed below :- Laxmipur RF- 2.739 Ha. Kuturaghathi PRF - <u>1.076 Ha.</u> Total Notified forest = 3.815 ha. Revenue Forest 0.124 Ha Jungle Block- <u>1.178 Ha</u> Total Revenue Forest= 1.302 ha.
3	The legend provided in the Geo-referenced maps also do not tally with the details in the map.	Rectified and corrected the map by the User Agency


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Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o PCCF & Hoff, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his office memo no. 22274 dtd. 15.11.2023.


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PART – II

((To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

Proposal No. FP/OR/RAIL/153463/2022

1	Location of the project/ scheme	<p>Forest Diversion Proposal for construction of Koraput to Singapur Road doubling Railway Project (From Koraput to Singaram, KM.0.000 – KM.74.800).</p> <p><u>Kutraghati PRF</u> Starting Point - N 18° 52' 41.70399'' E 82° 59' 42.86322'' Ending Point - N 18° 52' 54.4800'' E 82° 59' 42.7200''</p> <p><u>Laxmipur RF</u> Starting Point - N 18° 59' 14.05583'' E 83° 04' 27.48443'' Ending Point - N 18° 59' 26.8800'' E 83° 04' 43.6800''</p> <p><u>Baghaparmar Jungle Block</u> Starting Point - N 18° 57' 50.84323'' E 83° 01' 13.29334'' Ending Point - N 18° 57' 49.86440'' E 83° 01' 13.77598''</p> <p><u>Revenue Forest</u> Starting Point - N 18° 58' 21.57600'' E 83° 02' 08.48400'' Ending Point - N 18° 58' 18.98400'' E 83° 02' 22.59600''</p>
(i)	State/Union Territory	Odisha
(ii)	District	Koraput
(iii)	Forest Division	Koraput
(iv)	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in Ha)	5.117 Ha. Forest Land.
(v)	Legal Status of Forest	Kuturaghati PRF-1.076 Ha. Laxmipur RF-2.739 Ha. Baghaparmar JB-1.178 Ha and Revenue Forest-0.124 Ha, Total Forest area= 5.117 ha.
(vi)	Density of vegetation	0.3 (Average of four patches)
(vii)	Species wise (Scientific names and diameter class wise enumeration of trees. (To be enclosed) in case of Irrigation / Hydel project enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meters & FRL-4 meters also be enclosed.	The commonly noticed tree growth in the applied area are species like <i>Jamun (Syzigium cumini)</i> , <i>Kumbhi (Carya arborea)</i> , <i>Mango (Mangifera indica)</i> , <i>Sahaja (Terminalia alata)</i> , <i>Simili (Bombax ceiba)</i> <i>Karanja (Pongamia pinnata)</i> .
(viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the Forest area to erosion.	The proposed lease area is vulnerable to erosion & specially the steep slopes are more vulnerable to erosion. Necessary precautionary measures require to be taken to check the soil erosion.
(ix)	Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forests.	0.04 Kms.(Average)
(x)	Whether forms part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (if so the details of the area and Comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	The proposed area does not form part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, and Biosphere, reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant Corridors or any protected area declared under any law of the state or Central Government.
(xi)	Whether any rare /endangered / unique species of the Flora and Fauna found in the area. If so details thereof.	No rare and endangered species are found.

(xii)	Whether any protected archaeological Heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so the details there of with NOC from competent authority if required.	No.
2	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in column 2 of part – I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item wise with details of alternative examined.	The forest land proposed is unavoidable and barest minimum as per the statement furnished by the user agency.
3	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No.) If yes details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in Violation is still in progress	No work in violation of the act has been carried out.
4	Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:	
(i)	Details of non forest area / degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation, It distance from adjoining forests, No. of patches, size of each patch.	Area over 11.00 Ha. of degraded forest land has been identified in Hatimali DPF under Laxmipur Range of Koraput Forest Division. Therefore the C.A. land is right inside Hatimali DPF. It is a single patch.
(ii)	Map showing non forest / degraded Forests area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundary.	Enclosed in Compensatory Afforestation Scheme.
(iii)	Details Compensatory Afforestation scheme including species to be Planted, implementing agency, time Schedule, cost structure etc.	Enclosed in Compensatory Afforestation Scheme.
(iv)	Total financial out lay for Compensatory Afforestation Scheme.	Rs.52,14,300/- Cost norm enclosed in Compensatory Afforestation Scheme.
(v)	Certificate from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view(to be signed by the concerned DCF)	Enclosed with the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme.
5	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially High lighting facts asked in column 7(xi) (xii), 8 and 9 above.	Separate sheet enclosed.
6	Division/ District profile	
(i)	Geographical area of the Koraput District.	880700 Ha.
(ii)	Forest area of the Koraput District.	187953 Ha.
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with no. of cases.	2868.7659 Ha & 11 numbers of cases.

(iv)	Total Compensatory Afforestation stipulated in the District/Division since 1980 on	
	(a) Forest Land including penal Compensatory Afforestation	3711.925 Ha.
	(b) Non-forest land.	2388.7410 Ha.
(v)	Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on 20.10.2023.	
	(a) Forest land	2016.073 Ha.
	(b) Non-forest land	787.481 Ha.
7	Specific recommendation of the DCF for acceptance and other wise of the proposal with reason.	Proposal of East Coast Railway for construction of Koraput to Singapur Road doubling Railway Project (From Koraput to Singaram, KM.0.000 – KM.74.800) over 5.117 Ha. of Forest Land is hereby recommended for acceptance, subject to deposit of Compensatory levis as per the demand raised by the competent authority.

Date:

Place: - Koraput.

[Signature]
19/10/2023
Divisional Forest Officer,
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SITE INSPECTION REPORT

1	Name of the Project.	Forest Diversion Proposal for construction of Koraput to Singapur Road doubling Railway Project (From Koraput to Singaram, KM.0.000 – KM.74.800).
2	Name of the District/ Division	Koraput /Koraput Forest Division.
3	Date of Inspection	18.10.2023 & 19.10.2023
4	Name & Designation of the Inspection Officer	Sri K.V. Bhaskar Rao, OFS, Group-A(SB), Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput
5	Name & Designation of the inspection who attended the inspection including representative of the User Agency.	Forest Officials Sri A. Uma Mahesh, OFS, Group-A(JB), ACF, Koraput Sri Kumar Khara, FRO, Laxmipur Sri Tripathi Panda, FRO, Semiliguda. Sri Seshadev Sahu, Forester. Sri Rabi Muduli, Forest Guard. Sri P.K.Mallick, Forest Guard. Project Officials Sri A.Gouri Sankara Rao, Dy.C.E (Con.) Railway. Sri B.Babuji, Asst.Executive Engineer (Con.) Railway.
6	Legal status of forest land with area proposed for diversion.	Kuturaghati PRF-1.076 Ha. Laxmipur RF-2.739 Ha. Baghaparmar JB-1.178 Ha and Revenue Forest-0.124 Ha =5.117 Ha.
7	If area required for diversion has been demarcated on the ground.	Yes
8	Item wise breakup of the forest land proposed for Diversion.	Item wise break up of the forest land proposed for diversion is indicated below. Bridge/Culvert - 1 Ha. Approach Road - 1 Ha. Railway line/track - 3.117 Ha. Total :- - 5.117 Ha.
9	Condition of vegetation and type of forest in the applied area.	Tree growth of species like Sal, Asan, Jamu, Karanja, Simili, Kendu, Gambhari, Sisoo, Bar, Mahul, Mango, Kandamba, Kurum etc. Eco. Class -III, Density-0.3 (Average of four patches)
10	Position of Wildlife in general.	During the field inspection, no wildlife or sign of wildlife was noticed.
11	Whether the applied area is involved with any eco-sensitive area/national park/sanctuary.	No.
12	No. of trees to be felled and its impact on the systems.	15 nos. of trees enumerated over 5.117 ha. of forest land proposed for Construction of Koraput to Singapur Road doubling Railway Project. Some bush growth noticed in the ground storey in Laxmipur RF.
13	Details of broken up area and reclamation done if any.	No work has been taken up in the proposed diversion area. The ongoing tunnel work is in the previously occupied railway land area adjacent to the existing tunnel.
14	Position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation if any.	No displacement of people is required for this proposed Koraput to Singapur Road doubling Railway Project.
15	Position of rare and endangered species available of importance of area from eco-social point of view.	No rare and endangered species are found in the area.
16	Area selected for diversion if including in DLC report or not.	The area selected for diversion of forest land is not included in the DLC report.
17	Suitability certificate for Compensatory Afforestation.	Copy enclosed.
18	Violation of forest (Conservation) Act 1980 if any and action taken thereof.	No violation noticed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


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