

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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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 1.463 ha of Revenue Forest land in favour of IDCO, Bhubaneswar for construction of Fortune Tower in Jaydev Vihar under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District – Submission of compliance to GoI observations regarding.

Ref-: Letter No.5-ORB514/2022-BHU dated 23.08.2022 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Sir.

In inviting a reference to GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar letter cited above on the captioned subject, the DFO, Chandaka (WL) division and RCCF, Bhubaneswar have furnished the required compliance which is stated below-:

Observation 1-: The user agency has not uploaded the correct KML file of proposed forest land in Parivesh web portal, matching with DGPS map submitted with the proposal.

<u>Compliance-:</u> The RCCF, Bhubaneswar has reported that the correct KML file of the project land has been uploaded in Parivesh Portal.

Observation 2-: The lease deed has been executed between G.A. Department, Govt. of Odisha and user agency on 20.11.1997 without prior approval Govt. of India in contravention of FC Act, 1980. The name & designation of officials responsible for violation along with detail action taken report of State Govt. has not been furnished.

Compliance: The RCCF, Bhubaneswar has reported that the Govt. of Odisha, GA & PG Department vide his Letter No.24170/CA Dt.18.08.2023 (copy enclosed) addressed to the DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division has informed that Govt. of Odisha has formed a committee to assess the requirement and due recommendation for land to various Organizations i.e. Govt. & Private or individuals for development of Bhubaneswar city. As per the recommendation, Department of General Administration, Govt. of Odisha has allotted the land at different time periods to different organizations.

Further, the GA & PG Department has mentioned that the allotment procedure since the inception of the committee members keep changing from time to time and most of the members of the committee are no more and hence any individual cannot be held responsible for the said allotments. Also, the records available at that time with the GA & PG Department shows the land patches as Govt. Land. In view of the above, the GA & PG Department has requested to consider the above mentioned facts and accord approval for the said project under FC Act, 1980. The Chief General Manager (Env), IDCO vide his letter No. 26033 dated 18.08.2023(Copy enclosed) has also requested to consider the above clarification and process the diversion proposal.

A copy of Memo No.5752 dated 21.09.2023 of DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division alongwith copy of Memo No.3418 dated 25.09.2023 of RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle are enclosed herewith for kind information.

In view of the above, the compliance to Govt. of India observations dated 23.08.2022 are sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl-As above

Yours faithfully

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

/Dt. 16:10, 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 No. 5-ORB514/2022-BHU dated 23.08.2022 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), Gol, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Encl-As above

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

Memo No. 20504 Dt. 16.10, 2023

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3418 dated 25.09.2023.

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

Memo No. 20505 - /Dt. 16, 10, 2023

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandaka (WL) Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3419 dated 25.09.2023 of RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

Memo No. 20506 /Dt. 16, 10, 2023
Copy forwarded to the Chief General Manager (Land), IDCO, IDCO Tower, Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022 for information and necessary action with reference to letter No. 5-ORB514/2022-BHU dated 23.08.2022 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

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