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Memo No 3638 / 3F-41/2024.

Dated, Baripada the 14th October, 2024.

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)-**GoI observation regarding.**

Ref:-

Your memo no.2333/9F(Pipeline)-401/2022, dt.06.02.2024,
memo no.10273, dt.04.10.2024 of DFO Balasore(WL) Division,
memo no.8246, dt.08.10.2024 of DFO, Baripada Division.

In inviting a kind reference memos on the subject cited above, the Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore(WL) and Baripada Division vide their memo no.10272, dt.04.10.2024 and memo no.8245, dt.08.10.2024 respectively have submitted compliance report of observations point No. a, b, c & d raised by Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar vide No.5-ORB557/2023-BHU, dtd.25.01.2024 which is furnished below for your information and necessary action:-

- a) Whether construction has been done prior to submission of proposal or after submission of the proposal?

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Division has reported that no project work implemented over Revenue forest land(0.0428Ha. of Gramya Jungle) in mouza-Muruda under Rasgobindpur Tahasil. Construction work has been carried out and pipeline laying work has been completed in the area of 0.2379ha. of forest land (in Mouza-Kainphulia-0.0813Ha. and mouza-Shikharkhuntha-0.1566Ha.) under Betnoti Tahasil prior to submission of the proposal. The report submitted by the Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj vide his letter no.1336, dt.01.07.2024 is attached herewith for compliance.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore(WL) Division in his compliance report has reported that no non-forest activity has been undertaken over the forest land by GAIL India Ltd. in Jaleswar, Basta, Bhograi, Remuna & Bahanaga Tahasils coming under the jurisdiction of Balasore(WL) Division. The report submitted by the Additional District Magistrate, Balasore vide his letter No.6344, dt.27.09.2024 is attached herewith for compliance.

- b) What action has been taken by Revenue officials for allowing construction in Revenue forest land without forest clearance?

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, in Baripada Forest Division the Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj vide his letter no.1336, dt.01.07.2024 has submitted a copy of action taken by the Tahasildar, Betnoti for use of Revenue Forest Land prior approval against the project authority vide his letter no.1996, dtd.13.06.2024 addressed to Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj. A copy of letter of Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj alongwith its enclosures is sent herewith for compliance.

- c) Action taken against erring officials from GAIL, who has done this non-forestry activity in Revenue forest land.

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Division has reported that the Tahasildar, Batnoti has imposed penalty of Rs.30,000.00 against Project Authority for use of revenue forest land for non forestry activities. A copy of report of Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj vide his letter no.1336, dt.01.07.2024 alongwith its enclosures is sent herewith in support of compliance.

- d) Also, after analysis of DSS, some more area are visible with construction work, so details report on exact area used under violation, surveying jointly by Revenue and Forest Officials may be furnished.

Compliance:- In Baripada Forest Division, Joint verification has been conducted by the Forest officials of Baripada Forest Division and Revenue Officials. It has been reported that in Khata No.113, Plot No.82, Khata No.131, Plot No.83 of Mouza-Kainphulia (Sabik Kasam-Jungle) , and Khata No.9, Plot No.82, 83, Khata No.97, Plot No.84 of Mouza-Shikharkhuntha (Sabik Kisam-Jungle) under Betnoti Tahasil, the gas pipeline has been laid without prior permission from the competent authority. A copy of report is enclosed as Annexure-I.

In Balasore(WL) Division, joint verification has been done by the Forest officials of Balasore(WL) Division & Revenue officials. It has been reported that no violation has been committed by the Project Proponent as no construction activity has been undertaken over Revenue Forest land proposed for diversion by the User Agency in respect of Balasore(WL) Division. A copy of the reports is enclosed herewith as Annexure-II

Hence, the compliance report of Divisional Forest Officers, Baripada Forest Division and Balasore(WL) Division submitted vide their memo no.8245, dt.08.10.2024 and memo no.10272, dtd.04.10.2024 respectively alongwith enclosures are sent herewith for taking necessary action at your end.

Encl.: - As above.


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

Memo No. 3639 /Dt 14.10.2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore(WL) Division / Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Division for information and necessary action with reference to their memo no.10272, dt.04.10.2024 and 8245, dt.08.10.2024 respectively.


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

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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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