

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

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From

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Conservator of Forests(Nodal)

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 26.994 ha of forest Land for construction of Four Lane dedicated Coal Corridor from Bankibahal (Coal Mine) 0/00km to Bhedabahal (SH-10) 30/811 Km. in the District of Sundargarh by Executive Engineer Sundargarh (R&B) Division, Sundargarh – Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, BBSR observations regarding.

Ref:- Govt. of India MoEF & CC, IRO, BBSR Letter No.5-ORC461/2021-BHU dated 08.06.2021
Sir,

In inviting a reference to the aforementioned subject, the compliance to the REC observations dated 21.05.2021 of GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, BBSR as received from the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle is furnished as under:-

Observation (1):-The State Govt. may identify degraded forest patches of more than 5 ha or contiguous patches to existing forest patches if less than 5 ha so as to enable to manage the CA site area properly by State Forest Department and submit revised CA Scheme alongwith KML file & Geo-reference map. The revised CA Scheme may be uploaded in parivesh web portal.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that four patches of CA land measuring 54.76 ha in total area has been identified in three villages and each plot is measuring more than 5 ha area. Further, basing on Decision Support System (DSS), the total area of CA over 54.76 ha is found to be suitable for plantation as reported by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division. In this context, one set of the CA scheme alongwith the DGPS Survey Map, KML File and Site Suitability Certificate is **enclosed** for kind reference. The DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division has been requested to upload the revised CA Scheme in parivesh web portal.



Observation (2):-The number of trees enumerated is not tallying with tree enumeration list submitted in online proposal. Accordingly, the tree enumeration may be corrected in online proposal.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that necessary correction of the tree enumeration list could not be done online in the Parivesh Portal by the UA as there was no option to change the same. However, the details of tree enumeration furnished by the DFO, Sundargarh Division is detailed below:-

Reserved Forest -	1747 Nos.
Revenue Forest & DLC area -	727 Nos.
Non-forest Govt. Land -	1706 Nos.
<u>Non-Forest Private Land -</u>	<u>2342 Nos.</u>
<u>Total -</u>	<u>6522 nos.</u>

Thus, a total of 6522 Nos of trees have been enumerated in respect of the above project.

Observation (3):-The PCCF(WL), Odisha may examine the project from wildlife point of view and suggest preparation of new Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for this project keeping in view of the presence of wildlife and wildlife movement in the area.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan is under preparation and the same will be submitted within 15 days after obtaining the Stage-I approval. However, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the REC observations dated 21.05.2021 of GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, BBSR is sent herewith with a request to kindly accord Stage-I approval for diversion of 26.994 ha of forest Land for construction of Four Lane dedicated Coal Corridor from Bankibahal (Coal Mine) 0/00km to Bhedabahal (SH-10) 30/811 Km in the District of Sundargarh by Executive Engineer Sundargarh (R&B) Division, Sundargarh.

Encl-As above

Yours faithfully

Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

19475

/Dt. 16.11.2021

Copy alongwith enclosures forwarded to the Special Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to Govt. of India MoEF & CC, IRO, BBSR Letter No.5-ORC461/2021-BHU dated 08.06.2021.

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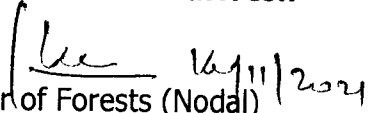
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Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3152 dated 01.11.2021.

 16/11/2021
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3153 dated 01.11.2021 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle. **He is requested to upload the revised CA Scheme in Parivesh Web Portal.**

 16/11/2021
Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. /Dt.

Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Sundargarh R&B Division, Sundargarh-77001, Odisha for information and necessary action with reference Memo No. 3154 dated 01.11.2021 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle.

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ANNEXURE - I

UNDERTAKING

This is to undertake that, we will submit the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for the project "Construction of 4 Lane Dedicated Coal Corridor from Bankibahal (Coal Mines) 0/000 km to Bhedabahal (SH-10) to 30/811 km in the district of Sundargarh" on receipt of State - I approval order.

This will be implemented at the project cost.

[Signature]
16/10/21
Superintending Engineer
Sundargarh (R&B) Division
16/10/21

