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Dated, Bhubaneswar the 20th May' 2024

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Forest Environment & Climate Change Department
Government of Odisha, Kharavel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 87.520 ha of forest land for construction of Hidsing Irrigation Project including Alternate Road in Angul Forest Division under Angul District by Executive Engineer, Cuttack Investigation Division, Cuttack of Water Resource Department, Govt. of Odisha – Compliance to State Government observations regarding.

Ref: - No. 6301/FE&CC dated 30.04.2024 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Sir,

Apropos to the subject cited above, the point-wise compliance to the observations of the FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha basing on the reports of DFO, Angul Forest Division and RCCF, Angul Circle are furnished below:-

Observation 1:- In the forwarding letter, in the 1st para of Page No.1, it has been mentioned that proposal for diversion of 87.520 ha of forest land (RF & PRF-38.619 ha + Rev. Forest-7.449 ha + Private Forest-21.902 ha + DLC forest-19.55 ha) for construction of Hidsing Irrigation Project including Alternate Road in Angul Forest Division under Angul District by Executive Engineer, Cuttack Investigation Division, Cuttack of Water Resource Department, Govt. of Odisha is forwarded herewith in triplicate for obtaining approval of Government of India, MoEF& CC under Section-2 of the FCA, 1980 which has also been mentioned under the heading Brief Description at Page No.2 and the table regarding village wise break-up of forest land involved in this project (Table-1) at Page No.8.

But, under the heading 5. Forest land, it has been stated that the forest land 87.520 ha comprises 38.619 ha of Reserve Forest (Bhogapala RF-7.699 ha + Krishnachakra PRF-27.243 ha + Balanga RF-3.661 ha + Madhapur RF-0.016 ha), Revenue Forest (7.276 ha), Private Forest (22.075 ha) and DLC forest (19.55 ha) located in 15 villages. The same has also been mentioned in Table-2 (Page No. 8) regarding the Tahasil-wise break-up of the forest and non-forest land involved in this project under Angul.

Compliance:- The RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has clarified in the above Point No. 1 that it is proposed to divert a total of 87.520 ha of forest land for the construction of the Hidsing Irrigation Project, including the Alternative Road. The details of category wise forest land are mentioned below: -

S. No.	Type of Forest Land	Area in ha
1	R F & PRF	38.619
2	Revenue Forest	7.449
3	Private Forest	21.902
4	DLC Forest	19.550
Total		87.520

The details of forest land submitted by the user agency is enclosed herewith as **Annexure – A.**

Accordingly, in the heading **No. 5. Forest land** mentioned in letter No. 6128/9F(Irrig) - 41/2019 dated 14.03.2024 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal FC Act, O/o the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, it is requested to revise the category-wise forest area.

Observation 2:- Further, in Part-II of the DFO, Angul Forest Division (Page No.259/DP), it has been stated in Point No.7 (v)- Legal status of forest land that 21.902 ha of private forest and 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest are required for the project, but in the Statement Showing Details of Forest Area Proposed for Diversion (Page No.34/DP), duly countersigned by DFO, Angul Division, 22.075 ha of Private Forest and 7.276 ha of Revenue Forest are required for the said purpose.

Compliance:- The RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that in Part-II of the DFO, Angul Division, it has been stated in Point No.7 (v) that legal status of the forest land is 21.902 ha under Private Forest Land and 7.449 ha under Revenue Forest Land category. Further, on scrutiny of the Statement Showing the Forest Land (Check List No.7), actually 21.902 ha of Private Forest Land and 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest land are required for diversion. The revised statement showing the details of Forest Land (Check List No.7) submitted by the user agency duly countersigned by the DFO, Angul Forest Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-A.**

Observation 3:- Also, in the Site Inspection Report of DFO, Angul Division (Page No.263-265/DP), Point No.6 shows that, 7.276 ha of Revenue Forest and 22.075 ha of Private Forest are proposed for diversion, which contradicts Point No.8 (item-wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion), which indicate that 21.902 ha of Private Forest & 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest are required for the project.


Compliance:- The RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that that upon scrutiny of the site inspection report, Point No.8 (item-wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion), which indicates that 21.902 ha of Private Forest & 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest are required for the project is correct.

A copy of Memo No. 1623 dated 04.05.2024 of RCCF, Angul Circle and copy of Memo No. 3060 dated 24.04.2024 of DFO, Angul Forest Division is enclosed as **Annexure-B & C** respectively.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations of FE&CC Department, Government of Odisha dated 30.03.2024 alongwith its annexure is 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


Memo No. 10499 /Dt. 20-05-2024

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 1623 dated 04.05.2024.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)


Memo No. 10500 /Dt. 20-05-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1624 dated 04.05.2024 of RCCF, Angul Circle.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)


Memo No. 10501 /Dt. 20-05-2024

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer PPF Investigation, Secha Sadan, Near Secretariat and in front of Heads of Department, Bhubaneswar Pin-751001 for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 6304/FE&CC dated 30.03.2024 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 10502 /Dt. 20-05-2024

Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Cuttack Investigation Division, At-Jobra, Po-SCB Medical College Campus, Cuttack Sadar, Cuttack-753007 for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 6304/FE&CC dated 30.03.2024 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)