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Memo No. 3609 3F- 33/2025,
Dated, Baripada, the 03th September, 2025.

To

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act.),
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 23.714ha. of Forest Land for Construction of Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College and Hospital in the District of Mayurbhanj-**Submission of compliance on observations of MoEF&CC.**

Ref:- 1- No.5-ORC561/2023-BHU, dt.18.04.2023 of MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.
2- Memo No.8463/FE&CC, dt.25.04.2023 of OSD-Cum-Special Secretary to Govt. of Odisha, FE&CC Department.
3- Memo No.8039/9F(DISP)-372/2022, dt.27.04.2023 of CF(Nodal).
4- Memo No.6954, dt.16.08.2025, memo no.7093, dt.25.08.2025 of DFO, Baripada Division.

In inviting a kind reference to the above cited memos on the captioned subject, the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Division vide his memo no.6953, dt. 16.08.2025 (copy enclosed) has submitted compliance report on the points raised by the MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar vide letter No. 5-ORC561/2023-BHU, dt.18.04.2023 on the project diversion of 23.714ha. of Forest Land for Construction of Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College and Hospital in the District of Mayurbhanj under the jurisdiction of Baripada Forest Division (Proposal No.FP/OR/DISP/148081/2021) to this office which is furnished below for favour of your information and necessary action.

1-The instant project is a non-site specific project. State Govt. has not furnished the details of alternatives site examined, reasons for their rejection and complete justification establishing its inescapability for the project in forest area where 535 trees are enumerated.

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the User Agency has submitted the justification along with details of alternative sites examined and reasons for their rejection vide Letter No. 4549 dated 14.08.2025. The User Agency has reported that as per guidelines of the State Government and Government of India, a medical college and hospital are to be located together in one campus for the purpose of imparting training and providing medical

treatment. The location must have good communication facilities and should preferably be near a large town to meet the basic needs both users and the general public. Since, the hospital must be attached to the college, a large contiguous area is required to establish the project as a whole. The present location satisfies these requirements, being in proximity to Baripada Municipality with excellent communication facilities and situated alongside the State Highway. Hence, the site has been found most suitable and has been selected over other alternatives. The User Agency has submitted three (03) nos. alternative sites not suitable for construction of PRM Medical College & Hospital in his compliance report. Copy of Letter No. 4549 dated 14.08.2025 of Dean & Principal, PRM Medical College & Hospital, Baripada is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I**

2- The DFO, Baripada in its inspection report has reported that the user agency has used the forest land for non-forestry purpose since 20.03.2015 without prior approval of the Central Govt. under Section 2(ii) of FC Act. 1980. Nature of activities undertaken and extent of forest area used thereon for non-forestry purpose and action taken against the officials responsible for violation may be furnished.

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Division has forwarded a copy of Action Taken Report submitted by the Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj vide Letter No. 931 dated 12.04.2024. Show cause notices were issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as follows:

- To Shri Deganta Routary, OAS-I(SB), Ex-Tahasildar, Baripada vide Letter No. 3335/Rev dated 21.12.2023. His reply is enclosed.
- To Shri Biskeshan Dehuri, OAS-I(SB), Ex-Sub-Collector, Baripada vide Letter No. 3332/Rev dated 21.12.2023. His reply is enclosed.

Copies of the ATR and replies are enclosed as **Annexure-II**

3- The Cost Benefit analysis for the project has not been furnished though the project involves forest land more than 20ha.

Compliance:- The Cost-Benefit Analysis Report for the Project is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-II**.

4- The CA land identified for this project appears to have human settlement with the boundary as evident from DSS analysis. In the Patch-2 of the CA land there is metal road passing through the CA land. The State Govt. may identify alternate suitable land for CA.

Compliance:- In compliance to the observation, the User Agency has identified alternate area of 48.596 hectares of degraded revenue forest land for raising Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of the diversion of 23.714 hectares of forest land for construction of Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College and Hospital, Rangamatia, Baripada. The details are as follows:

Name of the Tahasil	Mouza	Patch No	Khata No	Plot No	Required Area (in Acre)	Required Area (in Ha)	Kissam
Suliapada	Kadakotha	I	94	8	17.710	7.167	Gramva Jungle
	Pathara	II	193	1168	26.850	10.866	Jungle-I
	Purunapani	III	56	149	12.540	5.075	Jungle-II
	Beguniadiha	IV	240	859	15.500	6.273	Jungle-
	Beguniadiha	V	243	1255	31.070	12.574	Gramya Jungle
	Daludihi	VI	92	561	16.410	6.641	Jungle
TOTAL					120.080	48.596	

The Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj vide his letter no.2682/Rev., dt.09.06.2025 addressed to the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Division has informed that the above degraded forest land identified for raising compensatory afforestation is free from encroachment and free from encumbrance as jointly identified by both revenue and forest officials. The Tahasildar, Suliapada has submitted amin bodar sheets of the above degraded revenue forest land both in Sabik and Hal record duly authenticated by him. The Tahasildar, Suliapada has submitted Certificate that there is no FRA-2006 claims settled pending in the above plots. The Tahasildar, Suliapada has also informed vide his letter no.2286, dt.21.08.2025 to DFO, Baripada that the above lands identified for raising compensatory afforestation has not been allotted earlier to another agency for Compensatory Afforestation. The DFO, Baripada Division has submitted Topo Map and DGPS Map of the above plots duly signed by User Agency, Tahasildar, Suliapada & DFO, Baripada Division. The Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Division has submitted Scheme for raising Compensatory Afforestation with total financial outlay of Rs.7,29,12,514/- with ten (10) years maintenance at one time cost norm for the year 2025-26 in Six (06) nos. plots in Suliapada Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District to this office. The scheme is forwarded herewith for necessary approval at your end. The revised CA scheme is enclosed herewith **as Annexure-IV.**

Hence, 3(Three) copies of above documents are sent herewith for taking necessary action at your end.

Encl: As above.

Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve
-Cum-Regional C.C.F, Baripada.

Memo No. 3610 /Date. 03.09.25

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Forest Division for information with reference to his memo no.6953, dt.16.08.2025, memo no.7092, dt.25.08.2025.

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

Memo No. 3611 /Date. 03.09.25

Copy forwarded to the Collector & District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj for information with reference to memo no.6955, dt.16.08.2025, memo no.7094, dt.25.08.2025 of DFO, Baripada Division.


Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve
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Memo No. 3612 /Date. 03.09.25

Copy forwarded to the Dean and Principal, Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College & Hospital, E-mail:-officeprmmch@gmail.com/
prmmchbaripada@gmail.com for information with reference to memo no.6956, dt.16.08.2025, memo no.7095, dt.25.08.2025 of DFO, Baripada Division.


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