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Dated, Bhubaneswar the **10th** January' 2024

From

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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, Chandrasekharapur
Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Processing of the ongoing proposals on PARIVESH 2.0 in light of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adiniyam Rules'2023 as per guideline dated 27.01.2023 of GoI, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi in respect of

- (i) *Diversion of 5.117 ha of forest land for construction of Koraput-Singram Doubling Railway Project from 0.000 Km to 74.800 Km under Koraput Forest Division by East Coast Railway, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh in Odisha
(Proposal No.FP/OR/RAIL/153462/2022, State Sl. No.OR-01/2023 dated 08.02.2023)*
- (ii) *Diversion of 33.152 ha of forest land for construction of Bhalumaska-Singapur Doubling Railway Project from 128.95 Km to 163.725 Km under Rayagada Forest Division by East Coast Railway, Rayagada in Odisha
(Proposal No.FP/OR/RAIL/154542/2022, State Sl. No.OR-02/2023 dated 09.02.2023)*

Ref: (i) Letter No. 5-ORC617/2023-BHU dated 08.12.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

(ii) Letter No. 5-ORC618/2023-BHU dated 13.12.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

Apropos to the above mentioned subject, it is to inform that the Govt. of India vide letter under reference had requested to identify equivalent non-forest land for raising CA and submit details of CA Scheme along with relevant maps and KML file instead of double degraded forest land identified earlier as the provisions of FC Rules, 2022 shall apply to the above two proposals.

In this context, the extracts of Point No. (ii) of Guideline issued vide FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 27.12.2023 of the Scientist 'D', Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi may kindly be referred to as detailed below:-

"In case of proposals which have only been recommended for grant of 'in-principle' but approval of the same has not yet been granted, may have slight changes in the conditions specially with regards to the compensatory afforestation and disposal of proposals pertaining to mining, hydel, encroachment and violation. The Regional Office may proceed to grant of 'in-principle' approval to such proposals which falls within the powers delegated to the Regional Office and Regional Empowered committee as per new rules, subject to change in the conditions specially with regards to raising of compensatory afforestation, as may be applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and submission of the supporting detail thereof along with the compliance of 'in-principle' approval".

It is to reiterate that the above two proposals have already been recommended for grant of 'in-principle' approval but approval of the same have not yet been granted vis-à-vis the observations dated 08.12.2023 and 13.12.2023 cited at reference relating to compensatory afforestation.

In view of the above and in light of guideline dated 27.12.2023, the Govt. of India is requested to kindly grant 'in-principle' approval to the above two proposals subject to change in the conditions specially with regards to raising of compensatory afforestation (i.e. imposing condition for identification of equivalent non-forest land), as may be applicable in accordance with the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

An early action in the matter is solicited.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully

Memo No.

733

Dt. 10-01-2024

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

Copy forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha, Kharavel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to this office letter No.24394 /9F (RAIL)-403/2023 dated 14.12.2023, letter No.24839 /9F (RAIL)-412/2023 dated 19.12.2023 and letter No. FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 27.12.2023 of the Scientist 'D', Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

Memo No.

734

Dt. 10-01-2024

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

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action with reference to this office Memo No. 24395 dated 14.12.2023 and 24840 dated 19.12.2023.

Memo No.

735

Dt. 10-01-2024

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

Copy forwarded to Collector, Koraput / Collector, Rayagada for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to this office Memo No. 24396 dated 14.12.2023 and 24841 dated 19.12.2023 respectively.

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

Memo No. 736 /Dt. 10-01-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest Division / Rayagada Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to this office Memo No. 24397 dated 14.12.2023 and 24842 dated 19.12.2023 respectively. *They are requested to process the proposal through online accordingly.*

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

Memo No. 737 /Dt. 10-01-2024

Copy forwarded to the Dy. Chief Engineer/Con-II/VSKP, East Coast Railway, Rayagada, Odisha, Pin-765001 for information and necessary action with reference to this office Memo No. 24398 dated 14.12.2023 and 24843 dated 19.12.2023. *He is requested to process the proposal through online accordingly.*

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

Memo No. 738 /Dt. 10-01-2024

Copy forwarded to File No.9F (RAIL) - 412/2023 for information and record.

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