

**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; ANGUL DIVISION: ANGUL.**

Memo No. 3060 /DRP/2023/Dated. 24.4.24

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Angul Circle, Angul.

Sub: -

Submission of revised proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 87.520 ha of forest Land construction of Hidsingh irrigation Project including Alternate Road in Angul Forest Division under Angul District.

**: - Submission of compliance report observations made by the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government of Odisha, FE & CC, Department.**

Ref:

1. Proposal No. FP/OR/IRRIG/28837/2017
2. Memo No. 6303 dt. 30.03.2024 of OSD-cum-SS to Govt. of Odisha.
3. Memo No. 7498/9F(IRRIG)349/2021 dt. 05.04.2024 of PCCF, Nodal.
4. Your memo No. 1317 dt. 10.04.2024.
5. Letter No. 481 dt. 10.04.2024 of S.E, Angul Investigation Division.

With reference to the subject cited above, it is to inform you that upon scrutiny of the compliance report by the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to the Government of Odisha, Forest Environment and Climate Change Department, certain observations were noted vide his memo No. 6303 dated 30.03.2024.

In response to the aforementioned observations, the user agency, i.e. Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, was duly notified to submit a point-wise compliance report along with all relevant supporting documents via this office letter No. 2778 dated 06.04.2024.

Now, the User Agency, i.e., Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, has submitted the point-wise compliance report via their Letter No. 481 dated 10.04.2024. The details are as follows: -

In context of observation point No. (1)

In the forwarding letter, in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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-19.550 ha) for construction of Hidsingh 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-27.246 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.

Reply by UA

In response to this observation, the User Agency, i.e., Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, has clarified that in the above Point No. 1, 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. Details of forest land categories wise 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        |
| <b>Total</b> |                     | <b>87.520</b> |

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

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

In context of observation point No. (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.

Reply by UA

In response to this observation, it is clarified 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 the diversion.

The revised statement showing the details of Forest Land (Check List No.7) submitted by the user agency is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-A**.

In context of observation point No. (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.

Reply by UA

In response to this observation, it is clarified 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.

Hence, the compliance reports along with the pen drive received from the user agency, i.e., Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division, are enclosed herewith, four sets each, for your kind information and necessary action.

Encl: - As above.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division

Memo No. 3061 / Dated. 24.4.24.

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Deogarh/ Dhenkanal Division for information and necessary action.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division

Memo No. 3062 / Dated. 24.4.24.

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer FC Act O/O the PCCF Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to memo No. 6302 dt. 30.03.2024 of OSD-cum- Special Secretary to Government of Odisha, Forest Environment & Climate Change Department.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division

Memo No. 3063 / Dated. 24.4.24.

Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division for information and necessary action with reference to memo No. 6304 dt. 30.03.2024 of OSD-cum- Special Secretary to Government of Odisha, Forest Environment & Climate Change Department.

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul Division

**CHECK LIST SERIAL No. - 07**

**Full Title of the Project: - Construction of Hising Irrigation Project & Canal System includes Alternate Road in Angul District Odisha.**

**Proposal No. : FP/OR/IRRIG/28837/2017.**

**STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF FOREST AREA PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION**

| Sl. No.  | Division | District | Range/ Block/ Village Limit | Survey / Compartment Number / KM. Stone. | Forest area Proposed For Diversion (Ha) | Legal status of Forest Area | Remarks |
|--|----------|----------|-----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1  | 2        | 3        | 4                           | 5  | 6                                       | 7                           | 8       |
| 1  | Angul    | Angul    | Angul Tahasil               |  | 7.449 Ha                                | Revenue Forest              |         |
| 2  | Angul    | Angul    | Angul Tahasil               |  | 38.619 Ha                               | R F and PRF Forest          |         |
| 3  | Angul    | Angul    | Angul Tahasil               |  | 19.550 Ha                               | DLC Forest                  |         |
| 4  | Angul    | Angul    | Angul Tahasil               |  | 21.902 Ha                               | Private Forest              |         |
| <b>Total Forest Area Involved :- 87.520 Ha</b> |          |          |                             |  |   |                             |         |

Place: Angul  
Date: 10/04/2024

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10/04/2024  
**Signature of the User Agency**  
Superintending Engineer  
Angul Investigation Division  
Authorized Signatory

Nitin  
**Divisional Forest Officer**  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Angul, Division  
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