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From

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O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

✓ **The Additional Chief Secretary to Government**

Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department

Govt. of Odisha, Kharavel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Sub: 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. – Govt. of India observations dated 08.12.2023 regarding.

(Proposal No.FP/OR/RAIL/153462/2022, State Sl. No.OR-01/2023 dt.08.02.2023)

Ref:- Letter No. 5-ORC617/2023-BHU dated 08.12.2023 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 has 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 instant proposal.

In this context, it is to reiterate that the user agency i.e East Coast Railway, Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh had applied for the proposal online through Parivesh 1.0 on 18.04.2022 and subsequently observations (eds) were raised by the Nodal Officer after due scrutiny on 20.04.2022 and 20.01.2023 to the user agency for compliance. The user agency complied the observations and resubmitted the compliance online to the Nodal officer on 17.01.2023 and 20.01.2023 respectively. Further, the Nodal Officer accepted the proposal on 20.01.2023. The State Serial number was generated on 08.02.2023 and forwarded to the DFO, Koraput division for processing of Part-II.

The proposal was subsequently received from RCCF, Koraput online on 21.10.2023 after Part-III by the Nodal Officer which was forwarded to the State Government on 10.11.2023 and on 18.11.2023 (compliance of observations). The said proposal was forwarded to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar on 20.11.2023 by the State Government. The details of Timeline downloaded from Parivesh 1.0 is enclosed as Annexure-I.

In view of the above, it is pertinent to mention that since the online proposal was initially received on 18.04.2022, the processing was done as per extant Rules and Guidelines in force under FC Act, 1980. Accordingly, twice the degraded forest land over 11.0 ha was identified in Hatimali DPF under Laxmipur Forest Range of Koraput Forest division which has been approved by the Nodal officer and submitted to the State Government alongwith the proposal.

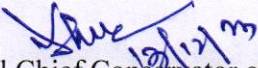
Further, it is to mention that the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 came into force with effect from 28.06.2022 and the instant proposal was received initially online through Parivesh 1.0 on 18.04.2022 i.e prior to implementation of FC Rules' 2022 and processed accordingly.

However, the user agency is being requested to identify equivalent non-forest land for raising CA and submit details of CA Scheme along with relevant maps and KML file, as desired by Govt. of India.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

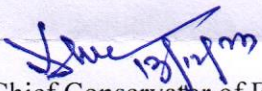
Encl: As above

Yours faithfully


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

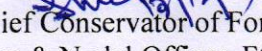
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Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

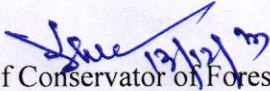
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Copy forwarded to Collector, Koraput for favour of kind information and necessary action.


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Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

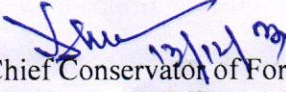
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Copy alongwith its enclosure forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest Division for information and necessary action. **Further, he is requested to furnish compliance to observation (b) of GoI letter dated 08.12.2023.**


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Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. /Dt.

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 Letter No. 5-ORC617/2023-BHU dated 08.12.2023 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar. **He is requested to identify equivalent non-forest land for raising CA and submit details of CA Scheme along with relevant maps and KML file to the DFO, Koraput Forest division immediately.**


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

TimeLine Details

Proposal received date at each stage of flow.

A. General Details

(i). Proposal No. : FP/OR/RAIL/153463/2022

(ii). Name of Project for which Forest Land is required : Koraput to Singaram Doubling Railway Project. from Km- 0.000 to Km- 74.800

(iii). Short narrative of the proposal and Project/scheme for which the forest land is required : Indian Railways has started construction of Koraput-Rayagada New B.G. Rail Link Project (164 Km) in the year 1982-83 and commissioned for the entire project in the year 1996-97 for goods traffic initially. Koraput-Rayagada line popularly known as K-R line of East Coast Railway is a single line secti

(iv). State : Orissa

(v). Category of the Project : Railway

(vi). Shape of forest land proposed to be diverted : Linear

(vii). Area of forest land proposed for diversion(in ha.): 5.117

B. Time Line

Proposal No.	Submitted by User Agency	Query for Shortcoming (if any) by Nodal Officer	Resubmission (if of Proposal) by User Agency	Query by Nodal Officer for submitting Hard Copies	Uploading (by U.A.) of copies of receipt received from DFO & DC	Division	Circle	Nodal Office	State Government	Regional Office	Stage-I Approval	Stage-II Approval
FP/OR/RAIL/153463/2022	18/04/2022	20/01/2023 20/04/2022	20/01/2023 17/01/2023	24/01/2023	06/02/2023	Koraput :08/02/2023	Koraput : 19/10/2023 (Koraput)	Orissa : 21/10/2023	Orissa: 13/11/2023	Bhubaneswar: 20/11/2023		

C. Essential Details Sought History

Communication between Regional Office & State Government	Communication between State Government & Nodal Officer	Communication between Nodal Officer & Circle	Communication between Circle & Division	Communication between Division & User Agency
Query raised by Regional Office (Bhubaneswar) on: 08/12/2023	Query raised by State Government (Orissa) on: 14/11/2023 Replied by Nodal Officer (Orissa) on: 18/11/2023	Query raised by Nodal Officer (Orissa) on: 15/11/2023 Replied by Circle (Koraput) on: 17/11/2023	Query raised by Circle (Koraput) on: 20/10/2023 Replied by DFO (Koraput) on: 20/10/2023 Query raised by Circle (Koraput) on: 15/11/2023 Replied by DFO (Koraput) on: 17/11/2023	Query raised by DFO (Koraput) on: 18/02/2023 Replied by UA on : 11/09/2023 Query raised by DFO (Koraput) on: 15/11/2023 Replied by UA on : 17/11/2023

NOTE:- Proposal is pending at State Government due to EDS raised by Regional Office .

PART-II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

State Serial No. of proposal : OR-01/2023

1. Location of the project/Scheme : Orissa

- (i) State / Union Territory : Orissa
(ii) District : Koraput
(iii) Forest Division : Koraput
(iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.) : 5.117
(v) Category of the Proposal: Railway

2. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion

S. No.	Division	Forest Land(ha.)	Legal Status
1	Koraput	2.739	Reserved Forest
2	Koraput	1.076	Proposed Reserved Forests (Sec-4 of IFA)
3	Koraput	0.124	Revenue Forest
4	Koraput	1.178	Baghaparmar Jungle Block
Total		5.117	

Division 1. : Koraput

3. District wise area to be diverted in the division

S. No.	District	Area(ha.)
1	Koraput	5.117
Total		5.117

4. Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion**(i) Density of vegetation**

S. No.	Area(in ha.)	Density	Eco-Class
1	5.117	0.3	Eco 3
Total.	5.117		

(ii) Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
1	Syzigium Cumini	Jamu	0	3	0	0	0	0
2	Careya arborea	Kumbhi	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	Mangifera indica	Mango	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	Terminalia Tomentosa	Sahaja	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	Seemaruba	Seemaruba	0	4	3	0	0	0
6	Others	Padeel	0	1	0	0	0	0
7	Bombax Ceiba	Simili	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total			0	10	5	0	0	0

Sub Total (No of Trees.)	15
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5. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion : NIL

6. Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion :

The pro. lease area is vulnerable to erosion & specially the steep slops are more vulnerable to erosion.
Necessary precautionary meas. require to be taken to check the soil erosion

7. Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest(in km.) :

0.04

8. Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view

(i). Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : During the field inspection, no wildlife or sign of wildlife was noticed.

(ii). Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : No

(iii). Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): No

(iv). Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion : No

(v). Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : No

9.

Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any

(i). Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area : No

10. Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion

(i). Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project : Yes

11. Details of violation(s), if any ,committed

(i). Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out : No


12. Whether work in violation is still in progres(Yes/No) : NIL



13. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme

Patch wise details for Degraded Area (To be earmarked by DFO)


(i). Total Financial Outlay for C.A(lacs): 53.79598

Patch Wise Details

S.no	Patch No.	Area(ha.)	Name of PF/RF	Range	Compartment No	Uploaded KML file of patch
1	1	11	Hatimali DPF	Laxmipur	1	 View file

(ii). Copy of CA scheme details: (iii). Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed for C.A. prepared by using DGPS or Total Station: 

(iv). Copy of Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed for C.A.:

(V). Copy of NOC from Competent Authority : 

Additional information Details


S. No.	Documents	Remarks
	NIL	

14. District Profile

S.no	District Name	Geographical area of the district (in ha.)	Forest area of the district (in ha.)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 (in ha.)	No. of Approved Cases	Forest Land including penal C.A. (in ha.)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on(date)	A) Forest land (in ha.)	B) Non-forest land (in ha.)
1	Koraput	880700	187953	2868.7659	11	3711.925	19/10/2023	2016.073	787.481

15.

Site inspection report of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer highlighting important facts pertaining to the forest land

Division Name	Circle	Site inspected By	Whether site inspected	No. of times site visited	Site inspection report	Date of visit
Koraput	Koraput	DFO	Yes	Two		18/10/2023,19/10/2023
	Koraput	CF	No		No Data	

(Specific recommendation of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer with(Part II,III & Part IV))

16.

Specific recommendation of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason

Division	Circle	Recommendation By	Recommendation	Reason	Letter	Whether CF agreed

Koraput	Koraput	DFO	Recommended	The Forest land proposed in unavoidable and barest minimum as per the statement furnished by the User Agency. Accordingly 5.117 Ha. forest land is here by recommended for acceptance subject to deposit of compensatory lavies.		
	Koraput	CF	Recommended	This project involves 5.117 Ha of forest land for construction of Koraput Singapur Road doubling railway project and recommended for acceptance.		Yes
		Nodal Officer	Recommended	Recommended for 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 of Koraput District, Odisha by East Coast Railway, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh for approval under Section 2 ii of FC Act, 1980.		

Specific recommendation of the State Government(Part V).

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