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From

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act) 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, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 9.195 ha (22.721 Ac) of forest land in Phulbani Forest Division for work improvement of road from Samapaju to Panisal under inter district of Kandhamal by the Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Boudh.

Letter No. 5-OR628/2024-BHU dated 22.02.2024 of Inspector General of Forests (Central) Ref: GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the aforesaid office letter on the captioned subject, this is to inform that the DFO, Phulbani Forest Division has submitted the necessary compliance on your observation raised under reference which has been recommended by the RCCF, Berhampur Circle as follows:-

Observation-1: As per 1st Working Plan for Phulbani Forest Division for the period 1990-91 to 2000-01, the instant forest road has been constructed prior to 1980, Ministry vide Letter No. FC-11/117/2019-FC dated 15.03.2023 has clarified that while seeking prior approval under FC Act, 1980 for use for additional forest land required for upgradation / widening of such roads, the details of existing forest land involved in the carriage way of road constructed prior to 1980 should also be included in the application for diversion of forest land. The State Govt. has not mentioned the details of existing forest land involved in the carriage way of road constructed prior to 1980 in the application for diversion of forest land.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the length of the existing forest land involved in the carriage way of road constructed prior to 1980 from Samapaju to Panisal is 16.0 Km (approx.) and width of the road is 3.5 mtr, out of which Phulbani Forest Division covers 13.0 Km and Boudh Forest Division covers 3.0 Km. However, the length of the road under Reserved Forest area is 6.7 Km (approx.) and the length of the road in forest area other than

reserved forest is 6.2 Km (approx.) under Phulbani Forest Division. It is proposed to widen the road from the existing 3.5 mtr to 7 mtr. In this context, the detailed report submitted by the DFO, Phulbani Forest Division alongwith its enclosures are enclosed herewith from **Page No.1 to 10**.

Observation-2: The State Govt. has not submitted KML file of degraded forest land identified for additional CA.

Compliance: In compliance to this condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has submitted the KML file of degraded forest land identified for additional CA which is appended in this report. Further, the DFO, Phulbani Forest Division has submitted the additional CA land which has been identified in Nandini 'B' PRF over 6.25 ha vide his Memo No.2968 dated 18.05.2023 which is enclosed in Page No.11.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according approval for diversion of 9.195 ha of forest land in Phulbani Forest Division for work improvement of road from Samapaju to Panisal under inter district of Kandhamal by the Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Boudh.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully

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

Mu. 2024

Memo No. 7335 / Dt. 03 · 04 · 2024 Copy along with its enclosure forwarded to the Additional Chief

Copy along with its enclosure forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 5-OR628/2024-BHU dated 22.02.2024 of Inspector General of Forests (Central) GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar.

Encl: As above

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

Memo No. 7336 /Dt. 03.04.2024

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Berhampur Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 969 dated 19.03.2024.

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

Memo No. 7337 /Dt. 03.04, 2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Phulbani Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 970 dated 19.03.2024 of RCCF, Berhampur Circle.

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