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To

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal),
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Submission of compliance regarding CATP Scheme for diversion of 153.938 ha of forest land for construction of Kutulusinga Irrigation Project by the Superintending Engineer, Angul Investigation Division in Athmallik Forest Division.

Ref: Your Memo No. 5530/9F(IRRIG)-65/2022 dated 10.03.2025.

In inviting a kind reference to the above cited letter on the captioned subject, the detailed compliance of the shortcomings pointed out in the CATP of the Kutulusinga Irrigation Project are furnished below.

1. *Furnishing of Details of Biological, SMC, and Socio-economic Measures:*

Biological Measures:

- **ANR-200 Plantation:** Proposed over 250 Ha, this component involves the planting of 50,000 seedlings. The detailed CA scheme is enclosed as *Annexure-II* to the CATP.
- **Grassland/Fodder Development:** Grassland /Fodder Development over 40 Ha will be undertaken on village common lands or private lands, based on the feasibility and community requirements at the time of execution of the CATP. Given the time lag between the preparation of the CATP and its implementation, a certain degree of flexibility has been intentionally retained in the plan to allow adaptive planning during execution.

Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC):

The SMC activities are proposed on a lump sum basis over an area of 1,500 hectares, out of a total catchment area of approximately 8,000 hectares. A detailed DPR will be prepared prior to implementation, specifying the exact locations and types of structures to be constructed. These activities will be undertaken either before the commencement of project construction or within the first two years of its initiation, and will be completed before the project becomes operational.

Socio-economic Measures:

- **Awareness Campaigns:** Proposed at ₹10.00 lakh, to be executed through village-level workshops, folk art performances and NGO involvement, as necessary on the subjects of control grazing, farm management, etc. to reduce the dependence of people on the forests.
- **Capacity Building for Youth and Women:** A provision of ₹100.00 lakh has been made to cover skill development programs such as tailoring, food processing, vermicomposting and exposure visits. These will be implemented over a period of 10 years (₹10.00 lakh per year) based on prevailing field needs and opportunities. Necessary collaboration with the DIC, Angul will be undertaken to ensure the effectiveness of the program.
- **CNG/LPG Distribution:** This is proposed as a one-time intervention to reduce forest dependency, with the involvement of local PRI institutions for identifying beneficiaries and modalities of distribution.

2. Adoption of Approved Cost Norms:

All cost estimates have been revised and aligned with approved norms:

- **ANR-200 plantation:** Based on One-Time Cost Norms.
- **SMC:** Estimated @ ₹38,900/Ha as per CAMPA norms of APO 2024–25.
- **Grassland/Fodder Development:** Estimated @ ₹1,90,000/Ha, as per Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries guidelines (2016), attached as Annexure-III.

3. Revision of Lump Sum Estimates for Socio-economic and Ancillary Costs:

- **Awareness Campaigns – Total Cost: ₹10.00 lakh**

An amount of ₹1.00 lakh per year has been earmarked for awareness generation activities such as workshops, folk performances and IEC campaigns, etc. Each year, 10 events will be conducted, with a budget of ₹10,000 per event, spread across key villages in the catchment area.

- **Capacity Building for Youth and Women – Total Cost: ₹100.00 lakh**

Skill development programs for rural youth and women will be undertaken with a yearly provision of ₹10.00 lakh over 10 years. Each year, 10 training programs will be organized, with an average budget of ₹1.00 lakh per program. These may include training in tailoring, food processing, mushroom cultivation, vermicomposting, and industrial exposure visits, etc.

- **CNG/LPG Distribution – Total Cost: ₹15.00 lakh (one-time in Year 1)**

To reduce the dependency of local communities on forests for fuelwood, a one-time distribution of clean cooking fuel (CNG/LPG) is proposed in the first year of implementation. Assuming an average unit cost of ₹6,000 per household (including LPG connection, first refill and basic accessories like stove/regulator), approximately 250 beneficiary households will be covered under this initiative. Local PRI institutions and VSSs will be involved in identifying eligible households and finalizing the distribution process.

- Under ancillary provisions, one inflatable motorboat is proposed to be procured for patrolling the reservoir area to support forest and wildlife protection efforts. The estimated market price of the boat is approximately ₹4.00 lakh. The remaining ₹16.00 lakh is proposed to cover recurring costs over a period of 10 years, including the monthly engagement of a driver (as per applicable standard rates), fuel expenses (as per actuals), and repair and maintenance of the boat. These recurring costs are projected at ₹1.60 lakh per year.

The revised CATP Scheme in triplicate, incorporating all required rectifications and cost justifications, is enclosed herewith for kind appraisal and further necessary action.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer
Athmallik Division.

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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle, Angul for favour of his kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.5531. Dt.10.03.2025 of the Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.


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