

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS; ODISHA
BHUBANESWAR

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Forest & Environment Department,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub : Diversion of 14.928 ha of forest land for construction of Sono Barrage Project on river Sono (Sunei) at Jaida Village of GB Nagar block of Mayurbhanj District.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to F&E Department Memo No. 4738/ F&E dated 07.03.2017 of the Special Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department on the mentioned subject, the following point-wise compliances on the issues raised by Government of India, MoEF & CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar vide their letter No. 5-ORC307/2017 BHU dated 23.02.2017 are furnished below:-

1). During Power Point Presentation, it was observed that the command area of Deo irrigation project appears to be very near to the command area of this project. Hence, the command area of Deo irrigation project and also the command area of the present proposal may be shown on a map to take a total view.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Baripada has reported that the user agency has clarified that Deo Irrigation Project comes under Baitarani Basin where as proposed Sono Irrigation Project is to be constructed in Budhabalanga Basin. Thus both Irrigation Projects are located on different basin. Neither the basins nor the command areas will be overlapped. A map showing location of the Projects duly signed by the Executive Engineer, M.I. Division, Udala and DFO, Baripada Division is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

2). The FRA Certificate has been issued in two types of forms i.e. Form-I for linear projects and Form-II for non-linear projects. However, the proposal is for construction of barrage including canal system. Hence, this project to be considered as non-linear project and accordingly, a single FRA Certificate may be furnished.

In compliance to the above, the user agency has reported that Sono Irrigation has both a Barrage (Non-linear) and Canal System (Linear). As per the provisions of e-filing portal of MoEF & CC, it has been mentioned as HYBRID project. It can neither be considered specifically a non-linear

nor linear Project. Thus, the two different type of FRA certificates were furnished one for Sono Barrage (Non-linear) another for Canal System (Linear), which are enclosed in the diversion proposal Annexure-10/DP. The user agency has requested to accept both the certificates as the said project is a public welfare project.

3). As per the norm of CAT plan, 2% to 3% of the project cost is to be earmarked for CAT plan. However, in this project the cost of CAT plan is less than 2 %. Hence, the CAT plan may be modified earmarking 3 % of the project cost towards implementation of CAT plan with specific provision for water harvesting structures.

In compliance to the above, the revised Catchment Area Treatment Plan has been technically approved by Addl. PCCF, FD & NO FC, Act amounting Rs. 4, 34, 73,000/- (Four Crores thirty four lakhs seventy three thousands) only which is enclosed as **Annexure-B**.

4). During Power Point Presentation, it was observed that the coordinates of the submergence area appears to be incorrect. The correct shape file clearly showing the submergence area need to be submitted.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Baripada has reported that the coordinates of the submergence area have been rectified as per the present river course the corrected shape file in soft copy submitted by the user agency which is enclosed as **Annexure-C**.

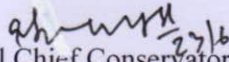
5). It was also observed that in the Google map a road appears to be coming under submergence area. This may be looked into and modified shape file may be furnished or the alignment may be corrected to avoid the road in the submergence area.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Baripada has reported that the existing bridge over river Sono in the upstream of the proposed barrage including its approach road of about 180 meters towards Udala and about 60 meters towards Balasore in the pondage area of barrage will be submerged on construction of the proposed barrage and there is also provision for construction of a high level bridge with its approach road in the DPR to take care of the problem .

In view of the above, point wise compliance are submitted to Government for onward transmission to Government of India, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Annexure-A to C
in triplicate

Yours faithfully,


Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act