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22nd February, 2024

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Department,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar- 751 001.

Sub: Diversion of 9.195 ha of forest land coming under Phulbani Forest Division for improvement of forest road from Samapaju to Panisal under inter District of Kandhamal by the Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Boudh.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0003-2024-897/FE&CC dated 12.01.2024.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted the above mentioned proposal to this office seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. On examination proposal following was observed.

- a. As per 1st Working Plan of 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 carriageway 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 carriageway of road constructed prior to 1980 in the application for diversion of forest land.
- b. The State Govt. has not submitted KML file of degraded forest land identified for additional C.A.

It is therefore requested to submit the compliance of the above observation to this office for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

(Dr. Padma Mahanti)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar – 751023 for kind information and necessary action.
2. The Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Boudh, At/PO: Malisahi, Dist: Boudh – 762014, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)