

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

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From

Shri Lingaraj Otta,  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 87.520 ha of forest land for construction of Hidsing irrigation Project including Alternate Road in Angul Forest Division under Angul District by Executive Engineer, Cuttack Investigation Division, Cuttack of Water Resource Department, Govt. of Odisha.  
(Proposal No.FP/OR/IRRIG/28837/2017 & State Sl. No. OR-036/2017 dated 28.08.2017)

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your Letter No.6128, dtd.14.03.24 on the captioned subject and inform that, on scrutiny of the above Forest Diversion Proposal the following discrepancies have been noticed.

1. In the forwarding letter, in the 1<sup>st</sup> para of Page No.1, it has been mentioned that proposal for diversion of 87.520 ha of forest land (RF & PRF-38.619 ha + **Rev. Forest-7.449 ha + Private Forest-21.902 ha** + DLC forest-19.55 ha) for construction of Hidsing Irrigation Project including Alternate Road in Angul Forest Division under Angul District by Executive Engineer, Cuttack Investigation Division, Cuttack of Water Resource Department, Govt. of Odisha is forwarded herewith in triplicate for obtaining approval of Government of India, MoEF & CC under Section-2 of the FCA, 1980 which has also been mentioned under the heading **Brief Description at Page No.2** and the table regarding village wise break-up of forest land involved in this project (**Table-1**) at **Page No.8**.

But, under the heading **5.Forest land**, it has been stated that the forest land 87.520 ha comprises 38.619 ha of reserve forest (Bhogapala RF-7.699 ha + Krishnachakra PRF-27.243 ha + Balanga RF-3.661 ha + Madhapur RF-0.016 ha), **revenue forest (7.276 ha), private forest (22.075 ha) and DLC forest (19.55 ha)** located in 15 villages. The same has also been mentioned in Table-2 (Page No. 8) regarding the Tahasil-wise break-up of the forest and non-forest land involved in this project under Angul.

2. Further, in Part-II of the DFO, Angul Forest Division (**Page No.259/DP**), it has been stated in **Point No.7 (v)- legal status of forest land** that **21.902 ha of private forest and 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest** are required for the project, but in the **Statement Showing Details of Forest Area Proposed for Diversion (Page**



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**No.34/DP**) duly countersigned by DFO, Angul Division, **22.075 ha of private forest** and **7.276 ha of Revenue Forest** are required for the said purpose.

3. Also, in the Site Inspection Report of DFO, Angul Division (**Page No.263-265/DP**), Point **No.6** shows that **7.276 ha of Revenue Forest** and **22.075 ha of Private Forest** are proposed for diversion, which contradicts Point **No.8** (Item-wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion), which indicates that **21.902 ha of private forest & 7.449 ha of Revenue Forest** are required for the project.

In view of the above, it is requested to kindly submit compliance on the discrepancies to this Department for further action at this end.

Yours faithfully,

*d. 30/3/2024*

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 6302/FE&CC Date 30.03.24

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FCA), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

*d. 30/3/2024*

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 6303/FE&CC Date 30.03.24

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Angul Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Angul Forest Division for information and necessary action.

*d. 30/3/2024*

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 6304/FE&CC Date 30.03.24

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer PPF Investigation, Secha Sadan, Bhubaneswar, Near Secretariat & in front of Heads of the Department, Pin-751001/ Executive Engineer, Cuttack Investigation Division, At-Jobra, PO-SCB Medical College Campus, Cuttack Sadar, Cuttack-753007 for information and necessary action.

*d. 30/3/2024*

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government