



No.5-ORB510/2022-BHU

3rd March, 2023

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.248 ha of Revenue Forest Land in favour of M/s Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd., under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District under Chandaka Wildlife Division.

Ref: 1) State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)12/2022-6452/FE&CC dated 02.04.2022.
2) This office letter of even number dated 02.09.2022

Madam,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the present proposal involves violation of FC Act, 1980 and State Govt. has submitted proposal for ex-post facto approval. The proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 19.08.2022 and as per Ministry's letter No.FC-7/43/2020-FC dated 22.03.2022, the proposal file was submitted to the Ministry on 24.09.2022 for consideration. The Ministry has returned the file with the following observation:

- 1) Issue related to violation needs to be examined hostically in context of 42 cases mentioned by the NGT in its order dated 26.04.2022 in OA No.29/2019/EZ.
- 2) Complete detail of action taken by the authorities in the State and by the after IRO after cognizance of the reported violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Further, this office vide letter dated 02.09.2022 has requested the State Govt. to furnish the name & designation of officials responsible for violation of FC Act, 1980 along with complete details of action taken by the State Govt. against the erring officials, which is still awaited.

It is therefore requested to furnish the information on the above observation of the Ministry along with the information sought by this office vide letter dated 02.09.2022 to this office for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

- 1) The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandasekharpur, Bhubaneswar – 751 023 for kind information and necessary action.
- 2) The General Manager (L&E), Mayfair Hotels & Resorts Ltd., 8-B, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013 for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)