



No.5-ORC628/2024-BHU

Dated: 7th April, 2026

To

The Principal Secretary,
Forest, Environment & CC Department,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar – 751 001.

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

Ref: RCCF, Berhampur Circle's letter No.4037/4F-144/2024 dated 25.10.2024.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the above proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 30.03.2026. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal, and considering the clarification submitted by the Nodal Office (FCA), Odisha, vide letter No.7097 dated 04th April 2026, which does not satisfactory clarify the legal status of the 5.462 ha land included in the diversion proposal, hence the Committee decided to seek the following information from the State Government:

- 1) The State Government shall furnish the legal status of the 5.462 ha area included in the proposal for further consideration.
- 2) Since the proposed road passes through both Boudh Forest Division (3 km) and Phulbani Forest Division (13 km), while the instant proposal pertains only to Phulbani Forest Division, the State Government shall clarify whether any forest land under Boudh Forest Division is also involved.
- 3) It is informed that the existing forest road constructed prior to 1980 under Phulbani Forest Division is 13.00 km in length with a width of 3.5 metres, involving 4.55 ha of forest land. The proposal seeks widening of the road from 3.5 metres to 7.0 metres, for which the additional forest land required is 4.645 ha. In accordance with paragraph 11.5(i) of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under VSSA, 1980 and VSSR, 2023, the State Government is requested to clarify whether the instant proposal involves diversion of 9.195 ha or only the additional 4.645 ha.

It is therefore requested to kindly furnish the above information to this office for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Vasanta Kiran Babu)

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 Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Boudh for information.