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To

The CCF & Nodal Officer (FCA),
Forest Department,
Government of Odisha,
Aranya Bhawan, Chandasekharpur,
Bhubaneswar -751 023

Sub: Diversion of 1.463 ha of Revenue Forest land in favour of IDCO, Bhubaneswar for construction of Fortune Tower in Jaydev Vihar under Bhubaneswar Tahasil of Khordha District.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)19/2022-7913/FE&CC dated 28.04.2022

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 Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980. On scrutiny of the proposal, the following has been observed.

- 1) The KML file of proposed forest land uploaded in Parivesh web portal is found different from KML file submitted in CD. Hence, correct KML file of proposed forest land may be uploaded by the user agency.
- 2) The User Agency and DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division have not uploaded correct/proper Sol Toposheet & DGPS Map & KML file of non-forest land identified in village Bidyadharpur in Parivesh web portal.
- 3) The DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division has reported that the user agency has constructed building for office complex & road, developed Green Belt and taken up landscaping over Revenue Forest Land without prior approval from Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change in contravention of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. **In the recommendation, it is not clear that whether this violation is attributable or not to the user agency.** If the violation is not attributable to the user agency then, this violation comes under which category as mentioned in Para 1.21 of Chapter-1 of Handbook of FC Act guidelines.
- 4) The lease deed has been executed between G.A. Department, Govt. of Odisha and user agency on 20.11.1997 without prior approval Govt. of India in contravention of FC Act, 1980. Detail action taken report of State Govt. may be furnished.

It is therefore requested to furnish the above desired information to this office for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.
2. The RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.
3. The DFO, Chandaka (WL) Division, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.
4. The Chief General Manager (Land), IDCO, IDCO Tower, Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)