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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 18.389 ha of Revenue forest land for widening of loading platform at Sardega Railway Station under Sundargarh Forest Division by South Eastern Railway, Jharsuguda.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)20/2022-8748/FE&CC dated 10.05.2022

Madam,

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.

- The DFO, Sundargarh has reported that no violation has been committed by the user agency under FC Act, 1980. However, as per KML file submitted by the user agency, it is observed that the user agency has already constructed/widened the loading platform over forest land in Plot No.581 in violation of FC Act, 1980.
- The DFO, Sundargarh has not uploaded the detail C.A. Scheme prepared by him & NOC issued by the competent authority for C.A. land in Parivesh web portal.
- The C.A. Scheme has not been technically approved by the competent authority of the State Govt.
- As per DSS report, it is observed that a non-metal road is passing through the C.A. Patch-3 and some portion is also encroached by human settlement.
- As per Para 2.8 (ii) of Handbook of FC Act guidelines, C.A. over degraded forest land: C.A. Scheme shall be prepared for minimum 1000 saplings per hectare of identified C.A. land. Thus, total 40,662 nos. of saplings needs to be planted. However, the DFO, Sundargarh has proposed for planting of total 18,493 nos. of seedlings over 40.662 ha of degraded revenue forest land. Hence, State Govt. has to identify additional degraded forest land to plant balance 22,169 nos. of seedlings.

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

Yours faithfully,

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

- The CCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.
- The Deputy Chief Engineer (Cons), South Eastern Railway, Jharsuguda-768201, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forsts (C)