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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Deptt.,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 15.265 ha of forest land for expansion of existing of Red Mud Pond at village Rengopali under Lanjigarh Tahasil in Kalahandi District of Odisha by Vedanta in favour of M/s IDCO, Bhubaneswar, under Kalahandi South Forest Division.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)44/2021-10169/F&E dated 04.06.201.

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 following has been observed.

1. The density of vegetation in the proposed area is reported to be 0.6 (Eco-Value Class-III), whereas total 306 nos. of trees have been enumerated over proposed forest land for diversion.
2. The DFO, Kalahandi (South) Division has not uploaded the SoI Toposheet, DGPS map, KML file & C.A. Scheme of identified degraded forest land for additional C.A. in Parivesh web portal.

It is therefore requested to furnish the clarification/information on the above observations 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. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for information and necessary action.

2. The Chief General Manager (Land), IDCO, IDCO Tower, Janpath, Bhubanesar for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)