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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF
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Memo No. 12607 /9F (Pipeline) – 36/2023
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 24 June' 2023

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Keonjhar Forest Division

Sub:- Diversion of 3.960 ha (fresh diversion 0.970 ha + re-diversion of 2.990 ha) of forest land for laying of water pipeline from Kandara to Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd under Keonjhar Forest division in Keonjhar District, Odisha – GoI observations regarding.

Ref:- Memo No. 12568/FE&CC dated 16.06.2023 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of Memo No. 12568/FE&CC dated 16.06.2023 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department alongwith a copy of letter No.5-ORB572/2023-BHU dated 31.05.2023 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar-751023 addressed to the Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt., FE&CC Deptt., Govt. of Odisha on the captioned subject which is self-explanatory..

In this context, I am directed to request you to comply the observations pointed out in the said letter and furnish the required compliance to this office through RCCF, Rourkela Circle for onward transmission to the GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Encl-As above

Memo No. 12608 /Dt. 21-06-2023
Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 12568/FE&CC dated 16.06.2023 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Memo No. 12609 /Dt. 21-06-2023
Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Copy forwarded to the Director, M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Plot No. 3, Forest Park, Bhubaneswar-751009, Odisha for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 12570/FE&CC dated 16.06.2023 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

Memo No. 12566 /FE&CC Date 16.06.23

FE-DIV-FLD-0043-2023/ 10F (Cons) 32/2023

Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar vide Letter No.5-ORB572/2023-BHU dtd.31.05.2023 on the matter of diversion of 3.960 ha (Fresh diversion 0.970 ha + re-diversion of 2.990 ha) of forest land for laying of water pipeline from Kandra to Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd under Keonjhar Forest Division in Keonjhar District, Odisha forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and submission of necessary compliance to the Ministry under intimation to this Department.

12/6/2023
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 12567 /FE&CC Date 16.06.23

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO), FC Act, O/o PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

12/6/2023
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 12568 /FE&CC Date 16.06.23

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action.

12/6/2023
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 12569 /FE&CC, Date 16.06.23

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Revenue & Disaster Management Department/ Water Resources Department/ Steel & Mines Department/ Industries Department/ Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha/ Collector, Keonjhar for information and necessary action.

12/6/2023
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 12570 /FE&CC, Date 16.06.23

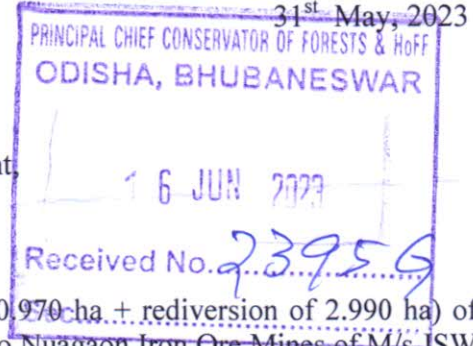
Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Director, JSW Utkal Steel Ltd, Plot No.3, Forest Park, Bhubaneswar-751009 for information and necessary action.

12/6/2023
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

No.5-ORB572/2023-BHU

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department,
Government of Odisha,
Kharavei Bhavan, Bhubaneswar- 751001.



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Ref: State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0043-2023-10014/FE&CC dated 15.05.2023.

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 examination of the proposal, it is observed that Stage-II forest clearance was granted in favour of NHAI (the primary user agency) for diversion of 174.1595 ha of forest land for 4/6 laning, widening & strengthening of NH-215 of Rimuli-Rajamunda Section and as per FC Act guidelines the NHAI has provided degraded forest land for raising compensatory afforestation as a Central PSU. In the instant proposal, the user agency i.e. M/s JSW Utkal Steel Ltd. (secondary user agency) has proposed for re-diversion of 2.990 ha of already diverted forest land in favour of NHAI.

Since, the secondary user agency is a private user agency; the special provision given to Central PSU for raising compensatory afforestation can not be given to a private agency. Hence, it is requested that equal non-forest land may be identified for raising compensatory afforestation for the instant diversion proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Padma Mahanti)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar – 751 023 for kind information and necessary action.
2. The Director, M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Plot No.3, Forest Park, Bhubaneswar-751009 for information and necessary action.

Padma Mahanti
Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)