OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,

Memo No.

/9F (MG)-337/2021

Dated, Bhubaneswar the

June, 2021

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 697.979 ha of forest land for Pottangi Bauxite Mining Lease in village Pottangi under Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District in favour of NALCO Ltd. (Proposal No.FP/OR/MIN/29981/2017)

Ref: Your Memo No.785 dated 08.03.2021

In inviting a reference to your above cited memo on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that, on scrutiny of the diversion proposal, the following deficiencies are noticed.

Since, M/s NALCO Ltd. is a Central PSU, 1688.00 ha of degraded forest land has been identified in 13 no. of sites under Nabarangpur Forest Division to take up Compensatory Afforestation relating to Pottangi Bauxite Mine of M/s NALCO Ltd. On verification of the KML file of CA land identified in GIS based DSS, following are the observations:

Sl. No.	Name of the RF/ PRF	NF (in ha)	OF (in ha)	MDF (in ha)	VDF (in ha)	Total (in ha)	CA area proposed by DTC (in ha)
						123	100
1	Sikili RF	36	7	75	5		
2	Sarguli PRF	30	19	61	-	110	100
3	Patri PRF	49	1	153	•	203	150
120	Barli RF	37	43	40	26	146	150
4		14	23	78	-	115	100
5	Panbeda PRF					105	100
6	Malgam PRF	11	8	86	-		
7	Rajpur PRF	64	12	76	-	152	150
8	Singari RF (Kochegam)	42	3	108	-	153	150
9	Singari RF (Phukaguda)	75	6	44	46	171	150
10	Santoshpur RF	152	26	-	-	178	150
	•	35	36	50	-	111	100
11	Attigam RF		150	42		229	200
12	Jagannathpur RF	37				89	88
13	Mundaguda RF	15	22	52	-		
	Grand Total (in ha)	597	356	865	77	1885	1688

The CA land identified comprises of 865.0 ha MDF and 77.0 ha VDF (Total=942.0 ha) having canopy density more than 40 percent which is not acceptable. The para 2.4 (vii) of Comprehensive Guideline issued by GoI, MoEF & CC vide letter F.No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 states that "any degraded forest land for the purpose of CA, selected by State Govt. may be accepted by MoEF & CC only if crown density of the area is below 40 percent." Hence it is requested to identify the required DFL with canopy density below 40 percent.

Please prepare the CA scheme at the current wage of Rs.311/- per MD with 10 year maintenance.

In view of the above, the diversion proposal in three sets are returned herewith to comply the deficiencies as pointed out above and resubmit the same to this office for early processing of the proposal.

This is urgent. Encl: **DP in 3 Sets**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 10781 /Dt. 01.07.2021

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Koraput Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.786 dated 08.03.2021 of RCCF Koraput Circle to his address.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

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