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30th July, 2024

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 32.717 ha Revenue forest land in Mouza Harapur, Harekrushnapur, Durgapur and Alkar under Jatani Tahasil of Khordha district for establishment of Infovalley Electronics Manufacturing Cluster.

Ref: 1) This office letter of even number dated 29.02.2024.
2) PCCF (Nodal), Odisha's letter No.13342/9F (IND)-398/2023 dated 05.07.2024.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the point wise reply furnished by State Govt. vide letter under reference-2 was examined in this office. It is observed that as per DSS analysis/Google imagery, the user agency has used the forest land for non-forestry purpose in several patches of forest land (9 places) without prior approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. Thus, the proposal involves violation. As per Rule 10 (2) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule, 2023, the above proposal may be submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

(Dr. 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 for information and necessary action.
2. The Chief General Manager (Environment), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Janapath, Bhubaneswar-751022, Odisha.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)