

Government of Odisha
Forest & Environment Department

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No.10F (Cons) 150/2018 17888/F&E, Bhubaneswar, dated. 14-08-18

From

Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS,
Special Secretary to Government.

To

The PCCF, Odisha

Sub:- Diversion of 75.635 ha of forest land within the limits of Paradip Port Trust at Paradip coming under jurisdiction of Rajnagar Mangrove Division/Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha for development of Outer Harbour, Inner Harbour including Western Dock & mechanization of existing operational berth by M/s Paradip Port Trust (**Proposal No. FP/OR/Others/26300/2017**)

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to your letter No. 16833 dt. 6.8.2018 on the above mentioned subject and to say that although it has been reported that no violation of FC Act, 1980 has been resorted, yet it has been reported in the site inspection report of RCCF, Bhubaneswar that (page 53/DP) that 21.385ha. of forest land now applied for diversion for rail-cum-road connectivity, several structures like Truck terminal, electric substation, Petrol pump, BSNL office, Port Quarters, Police Station, Aahar Kendra, Bus stop etc are existing. It needs to be indicated **if these structures are to be removed/dismantled for installing the projects proposed now under this proposal.**


Similarly 54.250ha. of forest land now proposed for Dock yard, development of outer harbour etc is presently used as stack yard for coal and Gypsum.

In the above context, **it has not been indicated exactly what extent of forest land out of 21.385ha. and 54.250ha. of forest land used for the above purpose and if such use of forest land has done prior to 25.10.1980. In case some extent of this forest area has been used for the above purposes after 25.10.1980, this would amount to violation of FC Act, 1980.**

In view of above, it is requested to kindly furnish clear information on the above aspects to process the forest diversion proposal accordingly.

Since this proposal is for enhancement of port infrastructure, compliance as sought for may kindly be furnished to this department urgently.

Yours faithfully,


Special Secretary to Government


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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar/ Divisional Forest Officer, Rajnagar(Mangrove) forest division for information and necessary action.


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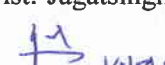
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Copy forwarded to the Industries Department / Commerce & Transport(Commerce) Department/Collector, Jagatsinghpur for information and necessary action.


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Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Paradip Port Trust, At/PO Paradip, Dist. Jagatsinghpur Pin 754142 for information and necessary action.


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