

Government of Odisha  
Forest & Environment Department

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No.10F (Con) 146/2018 17337/F&E, Bhubaneswar, dated the  
From

7-8-18

Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS  
Special Secretary to Government

To

The PCCF, Odisha

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 341.23 ha of forest land in the Bolangir Forest Division under Bolangir district, Odisha for construction of Upper Lanth Medium Irrigation Project (Proposal No. FP/OR/IRRIG/25941/2017)

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to your letter No. 16292 dt. 30.7.2018 on the above mentioned subject and to say the forest diversion proposal was scrutinized and following deficiencies are noticed in the proposal.

- This is a non-site specific project. However no justification for locating the project on forest land with alternative sites examined with specific reference to Dam & reservoir area of the project that also includes 283.38ha. of RF land, has been given as per para 2.1(3) of FC Act guidelines
- Details of administrative approval accorded by the Water Resources Department for this project has not been furnished.
- Land status of non-forest land of the project coming within Khaprakhol Tahsil as on 25.10.1980 has not been provided in the DP as land details annexed to letter No. 683 dt. 7.2.2017 of Tahasildar, Khaprakhol at page 302-355/DP are relating to land coming under Belpada Tahasil for this project.
- Tahasildar, Belpada's certificate on CA land to be free from encroachment is not furnished.
- RoRs of CA land kept at page 97-104/DP are incomplete.
- English version of Gram Sabha resolutions are not furnished.
- CATP attached to the DP needs to be technically approved by competent authority.
- Detailed tree enumeration report from the forest/non-forest land of the project are to be furnished.
- Soft copy of DGPS map of the proposed forest land as well as CA land is not furnished.
- Maps of RF patches of the proposed project area showing boundary pillars in A3/A4 size duly authenticated by the DFO, Bolangir need to be furnished.
- No. of families to be affected for this project may be indicated clearly as R&R Plan mentions it to be 342 families whereas RCCF, Bhawanipatna in his site inspection report(point 14) indicates it to be 975 and PCCF, Odisha puts this figure at 595 in his recommendation letter.

In view of above deficiencies, the DP received in three sets are returned herewith for re-submission after correction/compliance of shortcomings mentioned above.

Encl: Forest Diversion proposal

Yours faithfully

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 17338 /Dated. 7-8-18

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhawanipatna Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Bolangir for information and necessary action.

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Memo No. 17339 /Dated. 7-8-18

Copy forwarded to the Water Resources Department/Collector, Bolangir for information and necessary action.

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Memo No. 17340 /Dated. 7-8-18

Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Padampur Investigation Division, Padampur, Dist. Bargarh for information and necessary action.

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