Government of Odisha Forest and Environment Department

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10F (Cons) 256/2016/ 16462 /F&E dated 9.9.16 From

Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS Special Secretary to Government

To

The PCCF, Odisha

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 51.783 ha. of forest land for construction of Turi-Guntat Irrigation Project in Nabarangpur Block of Nabarangpur District, Odisha (Proposal No.FP/OR/IRRIG/13379/2015)

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to your letter No.14385 dt. 27.7.2016 on the above mentioned subject and to say that on scrutiny of the forest diversion proposal, the following deficiencies are noticed.

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 - (ii) It needs to be clarified whether this is a major/medium irrigation project.
 - (iii) The project envisages two barrages to be linked by a canal. This project needs 363.309ha, of land including 20.774ha, of forest land for canal project for irrigation. Details of canal project such as its length, width and other relevant information has not been furnished.
 - (iv) As per report of DFO, Nabarangpur and RCCF, Koraput, 51.783ha. of forests land required for the project includes 7.193ha. of Bikrampur Reserved Forests. However forest land schedule of Bikrampur Village authenticated by Tahsildar, Nabarangpur (page 106/DP) does not mention about this extent of land in RF. Land schedule of this village needs to mention RF land duly signed by DFO, Nabarangpur and Tahasildar, Nabarangpur. Besides, the DFO, Nabarangpur is required to furnish a map(A/4 size)

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showing boundary pillars of 7.193ha. of RF land required for the project duly authenticated by him.

It is therefore requested to furnish detailed compliance on the above points for consideration of diversion proposal.

Yours faithfully

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16463 /Dated. 2-9-16

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

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Memo No. 16464 /Dated. 2.9-16

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

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Memo No. 16465 /Dated. 2-9-16

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

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