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Memo No. <u>2676</u> /3F(Dis-D)409/2017. Dated, Rourkela the, ₂₇th,September,2017.

To

The Divisional Forest Officer, Deogarh Forest Division.

Sub:-

Diversion of 4.545 ha. of revenue forest land for construction of Pallahara Bypass road coming within the stretch of Km. 0.000 K.m. 68.280 under the project "Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH-149 from Pallahara to Pitiri Section to two lanes with paved shoulder under NHDP-IV in the State of Odisha on EPC mode" under Deogarh Forest Division in Angul District, Odisha.

Ref:-

- 1. Memo No. 15666/F&E dated 25.07.2017 of Special Secretary to Government of Odisha, F&E Department
- 2. Memo No.18903 dtd.28.08.2017 of Addl.PCCF(FD&NO,FC Act),O/o the PCCF,Odisha.
- 3. Your Memo No. 3526 dated 15.09.2017.

With reference to the above, the compliance with the observations of GoI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar submitted by you in respect of the above proposal requires further clarification on the followings points:

- 1. The compliance submitted against Point No.(a) of ERO,MoEF,GoI is not comprehensible. You have enclosed the copy of the letter No.2696 dtd.11.9.2017 of the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Pallahara addressed to you in your compliance report. In the said letter, the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Pallahara, in a tabular form, has indicated that, the project area from Km. 2/140 to Km. 29/450 is 69.556 ha. consisting of both Forest and Non-Forest land. But you have mentioned under Point a(1) of your Memo No.3526 dtd.15.09.2017 that, pre-80 status of the Non-Forest land over an area of 69.556 ha. from Km. 2/140 to Km. 29/450 of NH-149 as on 25.10.1980 pertaining to Pallahara Tahasil has been certified by the Tahasildar, Pallahara, which is contracdictory.
- 2. The aforesaid letter of the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Pallahara mentions about the total area of the project under differenct stretches. But it is required to ascertain both the Forest and Non-forest area involved in the project in different stretches. Similarly, the extent of Forest land diverted out of 69.556 ha. of total land involved in the project from Km. 2/140 to Km. 29/450 should also be indicated since the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Pallahara has only mentioned that, 69.556 ha. includes some forest land already diverted without giving the details of forest land already diverted.

- 3. Further, in your report you have stated that as reported by the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Pallahara, the total area required for the entire project is 286.280 ha. which was earlier wrongly reported by the User Agency as 295.308 ha. But in order to comply the information desired by the ERO, MoEF vide Point (a), the total area of Non-Forest land involved in the project should be ascertained and the pre-80 status of the said Non-Forest land should be furnished.
- 4. In order to comply the information desired by the ERO, MoEF vide Point (b), the total number of trees enumerated, no. of trees felled and no. of trees to be felled from the Non-Forest area under different stretches should be furnished which does not find place in your report.
- 5. In compliance with the Point No. (c) of the ERO, MoEF, you have reported that the User Agency has constructed one Abutment of the Major Bridge over an area of 112.23 sqmt. in the Revenue Foerst land which is clearly violation of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980. But you have not furnished the land schedule of 112.23 sqmt. of the Revenue Forest land which should be furnished.
- The revised Compensatory Afforestation Scheme should be submitted immediately after identification of appropriate Non-Forest land.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle
Memo No. 2677 /3F Date: 27.09.2017

Copy forwarded to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act),O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.3527 dtd.15.09.2017 of the DFO, Deogarh Division.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rourkela Circle

emo No. 2678 /3F Date: 27.09.2017

Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, N.H. Division, Pallahara for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.3528 dtd.15.09.2017 of the DFO, Deogarh Division.

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