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29th September, 2023

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Deptt.,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar-

Sub: Diversion of 6.56 ha of forest land for construction of Bolangir Bypass Road (West) by the Executive Engineer, NH Division, Bolangir under Bolangir Forest Division.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0085-2023-19929/FE&CC dated 18.09.2023.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted the above mentioned proposal to this office seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980. On examination proposal following was observed.

- The DFO, Bolangir reported that no violation has been committed by the user agency under F.C. Act, 1980. However, as per DSS analysis, violation is observed in some portion of forest land proposed for diversion. Detail action taken report & extent of forest area used under violation of FC Act, 1980 along with name and designation of erring officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose may be furnished.
- The concerned Tahasildar has not furnished non-encroachment & non-encumbrance certificate of CA land identified with the proposal. Agricultural activities and unmetalled road are observed in CA patches. This may be clarified by the State Govt. in view of the suitability of CA land and encroachment free land.
- The user agency has not furnished KML file of entire proposed road alignment with the proposal.

It is therefore requested to furnish the above desired information for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

- The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.
- The Executive Engineer, NH Division, Bolangir-767001, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)