

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

No. 10F(Cons.)-87/2007-_____5066_____/ F&E Dated 11.3.2010

From

Sri U.N. Behera, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Development Department
The Principal Secretary to Government,
Housing & Urban Development Department
The Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government,
Panchayati Raj Department
The Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government,
Commerce & Transport Department
The Secretary to Government
Works Department
The Project Director,
National Highway Authority of India, Bhubaneswar

Sub: - Raising of Compensatory Plantation against felling of trees for construction and widening of road projects.

Sir,

I am directed to say that various Government Departments as well as the National Highway Authority of India have been taking up construction of new roads and widening of existing roads necessitating removal of forest/ tree growth standing on the Right of Way (RoW) involving both forest and non-forest land. The proposals pertaining to execution of road projects involving forest land are processed as per provisions of the Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 for seeking forest clearance of Govt. of India, MoEF under Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The Govt. of India, MoEF in their forest clearance order makes it binding on the part of User Agency to bear the cost of raising and maintaining compensatory afforestation over equivalent extent of non-forest land. In case where forest land less than one hectare is required for non-forestry purposes, the Govt. of India, MoEF in their Forest Conservation Act guideline vide para 3.2(viii)(b), has exempted such cases for compensatory afforestation. However, it is stipulated that plantation of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled will have to be carried out by way of compensatory afforestation. This stipulation is aimed at conserving and protecting the environment from the harmful impacts of deforestation.

There are also instances concerning improvement and strengthening of roads being carried out in the State that involves felling of trees coming within the Right of Way on non-forest land. This loss of tree growth have many harmful effects such as increased air pollution, rise in atmospheric temperature etc. Taking into account all these aspects, it is required that whenever a road project necessitates felling of tree growth from the Right

of Way involving non-forest land, it shall be ensured by the executing agency to make required fund provisions for planting ten times the trees felled and maintaining the same on roadside land in their possession. The plantation scheme may be got approved by the local Divisional Forest Officer and implemented by the executing agency itself. In case assistance of Forest Department or Orissa Forest Development Corporation Ltd is required for taking up plantation, the Department / OFDC Ltd will take up such plantation on deposit of the cost.

This instruction may kindly be communicated to the field officers. Periodic reviews may be conducted at the department level to ensure adequate compensatory plantation.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 5067 / Dated – 11.3.2010

Copy forwarded to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa / Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Orissa / Managing Director, OFDC Ltd. for information and necessary action.

Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 5068 / Dated- 11.3.2010

Copy forwarded to All Regional Chief Conservator of Forests / all Divisional Forest Officers (T & WL) for ensuring compliance of these instruction at the field level.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 5069 / Dated- 11.3.2010

Copy forwarded to Plantation & Regeneration Section, Forest & Environment Department for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 5070 / Dated- 11.3.2010

Copy forwarded to the O.I.C., State Portal, N.I.C., I.T. Department, Orissa Secretariat, Bhubaneswar/ M/s Luminous Infoways Pvt. Ltd., Sadhana, N-6/373, Nayapalli, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar-15 for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Government



STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ORISSA
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
ARANYA BHAWAN, BHUBANESWAR-23.

Memo No. **5613 (49)** /9F(Misc.)-27/2014
Dated, Bhubaneswar the **27TH** March, 2014

To

All Divisional Forest Officers
Territorial & Wildlife Divisions

Sub: - Raising of Compensatory Plantation against felling of trees for construction and widening of road projects.

The Government in Forest & Environment Department in letter No.5066/F&E dated 11.03.2010 copy of which has been endorsed to you have stipulated that "plantation of ten times of trees likely to be felled will have to be carried out by way of compensatory afforestation" (**Annexure**). It has been suggested that "plantation scheme may be got approved by the local Divisional Forest Officer and implemented by the executing agency itself. In case assistance of Forest Department or Orissa Forest Development Corporation Ltd is required for taking up plantation, the Department / OFDC Ltd will take up such plantation on deposit of the cost".

But no clear cut guidelines or modalities have been prescribed for the DFOs to accept funds directly from the User Agencies. In view of this, following clarification are issued.

1. Plantation schemes will be approved by the DFOs concerned. Plantation Scheme will be got prepared by the user agencies from the consultants etc.
2. DFOs will not receive funds directly from the User Agency for taking up plantation on this score.
3. User Agency may get plantations executed either by OFDC Ltd or by engaging some other agencies or directly by themselves as per the schemes approved by the DFOs concerned.

If any of the DFOs had already received funds directly from any of the User Agency for this purpose, they are requested to inform this office immediately indicating details and where the funds are deposited.

This is most urgent.

Sd/ -
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Odisha

Memo No. **5614⁽⁸⁾** / dt.27.03.2014

Copy forwarded to all Regional Chief Conservator of Forests for information and necessary action.

Sd/-
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Odisha



STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ORISSA
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
ARANYA BHAWAN, BHUBANESWAR-23.

Memo No. **16218** /
Dated, Bhubaneswar the **27TH** October, 09

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
City Forest Division / Chandaka WL Divn.

Sub: - Felling of trees in Bhubaneswar city for road widening.

Large number of trees are being felled by the P.W.D. authorities, apparently under your permission, for the purpose of widening of the roads. In all such cases you are required to impose a condition while according permission that the concerned agency shall deposit the cost of planting ten times of the number of trees to be felled, and tending & maintenance of the plantation over a period of 5 years. A suitable scheme based on selection of plantation site has to be drawn up at your level and furnished to the concerned agency in this regard, and the cost of the scheme has to be realized expeditiously.

Sd/ dt.27.10.2009
Principal C.C.F., Orissa

Memo No. _____ / dt

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle for information and necessary action.

Sd/ dt.27.10.2009
Principal C.C.F., Orissa

Memo No. _____ / dt.

Copy forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Government, F&E Department for kind information.

Sd/ dt.27.10.2009
Principal C.C.F., Orissa