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FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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No. 17803—IF(A)-42/2008-F. & E.—Whereas the creation of a new Forest Division at Sonepur co-terminus with Subarnapur Revenue District is felt necessary to address the administrative exigencies and to have exclusive focus on endemic issues of Subarnapur;

Whereas there has been a persistent demand from the people of Subarnapur to have a Forest Division at Sonepur where their grievances can be properly addressed as the present divisional headquarters is at a distance of 50 Kms. from Sonepur and is located in the neighbouring district;

Whereas the “House Committee on Submissions” in their 2nd report presented in the House of the Orissa Legislative Assembly on 31st March 2007 have recommended for creation of a Forest Division for Subarnapur district;

Whereas physical infrastructure is already in place to accommodate the new administrative set up.

Now, therefore, the State Government after careful consideration notifies the creation of a new Forest Division called Subarnapur Forest Division with headquarters at Sonepur co-terminus with Subarnapur Revenue District and another re-organised Balangir Forest Division with headquarters at Balangir, co-terminus with Balangir Revenue District, both under the administrative control of Bhawanipatna Circle with the following administrative set up :—

Subarnapur Forest Division will comprise of the following ranges :—

- Sonepur Range with headquarters at Sonepur
- Binika Range with headquarters at Binika
- Ulunda Range with headquarters at Ulunda
- Birmaharajpur Range with headquarters at Subalaya

Inconsequence of the creation of Subarnapur Forest Division, erstwhile Balangir (West) Division will be redesignated as Balangir Forest Division. Balangir Forest Division with headquarters at Balangir will comprise of the following Ranges :—

- Balangir Range with headquarters at Balangir
- Saintala Range with headquarters at Saintala
- Degaon Range with headquarters at Degaon
- Patnagarh Range with headquarters at Patnagarh
- Loisinga Range with headquarters at Loisinga
- Titilagarh Range with headquarters at Titilagarh
- Muribahal Range With headquarters at Muribahal
- Harishankar Range with headquarters at Harishankar
- Lathore Range with headquarters at Lathore
- Bongamunda Range with headquarters at Bongamunda
- Kantabanji Range with headquarters at Kantabanji

The complete Ulunda Range of Sambalpur South Division (which is a part of Subarnapur district) will detach itself from the administrative jurisdiction of Sambalpur South Forest Division and will come under the administrative control of newly created Subarnapur Forest Division with headquarters at Ulunda.

The Subalaya and Dur Dura Sections (in full) under Rairakhol Range and Hatilimunda Section (in full) of Mochibahal Range of Rairakhol Forest Division (which are part of Subarnapur district) will be detached from the from the administrative jurisdiction of Rairakhol Forest Division and will come under the jurisdiction of newly created Subarnapur Forest Division, It will be designated as Birmaharajpur Range with headquarters at Subalaya.

The Balangir Range, Degaon Range, Patnagarh Range and Loisinga Range of erstwhile Balangir East Forest Division will come under the administrative jurisdiction of re-organised Bolangir Forest Division.

All the ministerial staff now working in Balangir East Forest Division will work under the establishment of Subarnapur Forest Division.

The field staff of Ulunda Range of Sambalpur South Forest Division and the staff of Subalaya and Dur Dura Sections (in full) under Rairakhol Range and Hatimunda Section (in full) of Mochibahal Range of Rairakhol Forest Division will stand transferred to the newly created Subarnapur Forest Division.

Further re-organisation or amalgamation of Ranges/ Sections/Beats may be taken up, if so required, by the concerned Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhawanipatna Circle and the respective Divisional Forest Officers as per Rule 9 and 10 of O.F.D. Code.

All the immovable assets of the Balangir East Division office will stand transferred to the control of the Balangir Forest Division whereas the movable assets will stand transferred to Subarnapur Forest Division.

The budgetary control of PCCF, Orissa and PCCF (WL) over both the new Forest Divisions will continue as usual.

The new administrative set up will function from the date of notification in the official gazette.

ORDER—Ordered that this notification be published in an extraordinary issue of the *Orissa Gazette* and the copy forwarded to all Departments of the Government / all Heads of Departments/all Collectors/Advocate- General, Orissa, Cuttack/Registrar, Orissa High Court, Orissa, Cuttack.

By order of the Governor

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