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Dated:

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF,  
Aranya Bhawan, North Block, Sector-19  
Nava Raipur Atal Nagar  
Chhattisgarh, India, 492015.

**Sub:** Supervisory directions regarding observations and compliance issues in GCP eco-restoration activities-reg

Sir/Madam,

With respect to the above subject, it is to bring to your attention the critical observations made during the recent monitoring of eco-restoration blocks under the Green Credit Programme (GCP) in the forest divisions of **Janjgir-Champa, Marwahi, and Kanker**. Issues of procedural lapses, and lack of timely progress have been noted, which need your direct intervention in ensuring compliance with the programme guidelines and timely execution of eco-restoration cum plantation activities.

**Key issues and observation:**

- **Lack in physical progress:** Several essential components—including Van Kutirs, signboards, inspection paths, and treatment maps—have not been initiated or remain incomplete. Additionally, fencing and irrigation systems are partially implemented, with chain-link fencing pending and borewells lacking electricity connections.
- **Inaccuracies in land mapping and feasibility:** Uploaded polygon in .KML files for certain sites include revenue lands, and some areas (e.g., Marwahi) have significant stretches unsuitable for plantation. These discrepancies necessitate prompt correction and site revision, if required, with due administrative approval.
- **Mismatch in nursery practices:** The species currently being raised in nurseries do not match those specified in the officially approved cost estimates. Changes to the species should be avoided; however, if a change is absolutely necessary, prior information must be given to the GCP administrator.
- **Slow financial progress:** It was observed that SNO has transferred only about 40% of the funds released to the state to the implementing officers, leading to slow execution and financial progress on the ground.

- **Poor digital reporting:** Digital progress entries on the GCP portal are not regularly updated. Additionally, there are errors in categorization within digital cost estimates, with many expenditures misclassified under generic "Others" categories.

In light of the above, the following actions are requested from your office:

- **Necessary directions:** The concerned IOs should be directed to address the issues highlighted above.
- **Ensure compliance:** The concerned IOs should be directed to comply with GCP guidelines, especially regarding cost estimates. Any such significant modifications in the estimate must be approved by the competent authority and the same shall be communicated with ICFRE at the earliest.
- **Expedite updates on GCP portal:** Direction to all divisions to regularly update the GCP portal with accurate site progress, properly categorized cost estimates (avoiding generic entries like "Others"), and geotagged documentation to enhance transparency and enable effective monitoring.

Given the national significance of the Green Credit Programme, strict adherence to technical, financial, and administrative norms is crucial. We kindly request your urgent intervention and necessary directions to the concerned forest divisions to address the issues highlighted above.

A comprehensive compliance report and action taken note may kindly be submitted at the earliest for review.

Thank you.

**Encl:** as above.

Yours faithfully,

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