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FOREST, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

The 29th December 2022

S.R.O. No. 17/2023—In pursuance of Para 12.11 of Chapter-12 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) issued vide F.No.5-2/2017-FC dtd.28.03.2019 of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), the State Government in Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department has been pleased to declare the Divisional Forest Officers (Territorial & Wildlife) having territorial jurisdiction as 'Competent Authority' for issuing orders for felling of trees existing over forest, non-forest and private lands of projects (other than linear projects) and from recorded holdings falling within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Protected Areas after obtaining due approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha and in accordance with the existing provisions of the Central or State Act and rules made thereunder by the State Government for protection of trees in the State and subject to compliance of Court Orders, if any.

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By Order of the Governor

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