

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Bhubaneswar, dated the **20 MAY 2026**

No.FE-DIV-FLD-0017-2025-{10F(Cons)12/2025} 11237 /FE&CC, In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 33 of the Odisha Forest Act, 1972 (Odisha Act 14 of 1972), the State Government do hereby declare that the following land situated in Village–**Samapala** under Thuamul Rampur Tahasil in the District of Kalahandi mutated and transferred in favour of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for raising Compensatory Afforestation thereon against the proposed diversion of 708.204 ha (564.581 ha in Rayagada Forest Division + 143.623 ha in Kalahandi (South) Forest Division) of Forest land (including 11.195 ha earmarked for Safety Zone) within total Mining Lease land in 1548.786 ha of Sijimali Bauxite Mines in Rayagada Forest Division & Kalahandi (South) Forest Division under Rayagada and Kalahandi District respectively, Odisha State in respect of M/s Vedanta Limited communicated vide letter dtd.31.12.2025 of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, the limits of which are specified below and the area of which is 84.9638 ha (209.95 acres), shall be Protected Forest with effect from the date of issue of the Notification and shall be known as “**Samapala Protected Forest**”.

Forest Block:

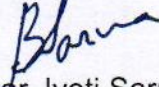
Name of the Protected Forest	:	Samapala		
		Patch-I	Patch-II	Total
Area of Protected Forest in Ha	:	71.2166	13.7472	84.9638
Area in Acres	:	175.980	33.970	209.95
Name of the Village	:	Samapala		
Name of the Police Station	:	Thuamul Rampur		
Name of the Tahasil	:	Thuamul Rampur		
Name of the Sub-Division	:	Bhawanipatna		
Name of the District	:	Kalahandi		

Land Schedule:

Village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kissam	Total area in Ac.	Boundary Description				Remarks
					North	South	East	West	
Samapala	25/ 37	103/ 339	Dangar	23.650	Kanda-guda vill. boundary	Plot No. 106, 107 & 108	Plot No. 104	Plot No. 103 (P) & 102	Patch-I
		104		32.700	Kanda-guda vill. boundary	Plot No. 105 & 106	Kanda-guda vill boundary	Plot No. 103	
		105		36.250	Plot No. 104	Sindhi-padar vill. boundary	Sindhi-padar vill boundary	Plot No. 106	

		106		42.000	Plot No. 103 & 104	Sindhi- padar vill. boundary	Plot No. 105	Plot No. 107	
		107		41.380	Plot No. 102 & 103	Sindhi- padar vill. boundary	Plot No. 106	Plot No. 107 (P) & 108	
Sub-total				175.980 Ac					
	25/ 37	108/ 340	Dangar	33.970	Plot No. 102 & 103	Plot No. 201	Plot No. 107	Plot No. 108 (P) & Simpala Sheet-I & II vill boundary	Patch-II
Total				209.95 Ac or 84.9638 ha					

By Order of the Governor


(Bhaskar Jyoti Sarma)

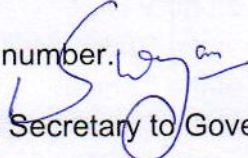
Principal Secretary to Government

By e-Mail: deputydirectorpp@rediffmail.com

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2. The Notification is statutory and may be assigned SRO number.


Special Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, (F.C. Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003/ Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar-23 for information and necessary action.


Special Secretary to Government

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Odisha, Cuttack/ RDC (SD) Berhampur, Dist.-Ganjam/ Collector, Kalahandi/ Tahasildar-
Thuamul Rampur, Dist.-Kalahandi for information and necessary action.


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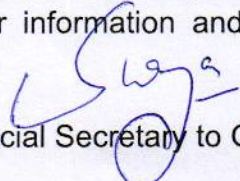
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Odisha/ Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha w.r.t. his letter
No.2200, dt.30.01.2026/ Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhawanipatna Circle/
Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi (South) Forest Division for information and necessary
action.


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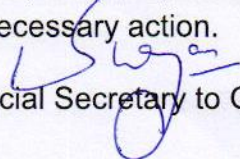
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action.


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