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From

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To

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary,
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Sub: NOC for development of Niche Tourism products as part of Integrated Tourism masterplan at Hirakud.

Sir,

In inviting reference to your Letter No.6801/TSM dated 16.05.2025 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that Tourism Department has sought No Objection Certificate (NOC) for utilisation of the water body frontage and adjoining land parcels under administration of DoWR around Hirakud in Sambalpur & Jharsuguda districts by sharing the location maps, coordinates, proposed concept plan and type of construction for the development and operation of the proposed tourism projects.

After careful consideration Govt. in Dept. of Water Resources have been pleased for issuance of site specific No Objection Certificates (NOCs) mentioned below in the tabulation format to the proposals for utilisation of the water body frontage and adjoining land parcels under administration of DoWR around Hirakud in Sambalpur & Jharsuguda districts for the proposed development of Niche Tourism products as part of Integrated Tourism masterplan at Hirakud with the following terms & conditions.

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SL No.	Description of site (Location)	Remarks
1	Site No: -1 (Ashok Niwas Front Hill) 21°31'5.46"N, 83°50'55.31" E.	Right butting of Hirakud Dam has been constructed over the Chandli Dungri Hill. Any type of constructional activities over here may endanger the safety and stability of the dam. As such, NOC has not been given.
2	Site No: -2 Behind the Jhankarani temple (Laser Music Show) 21°30'45"N, 83°50'58.05" E	NOC has been issued for these proposals subject to use of land above 642ft. RL.
3	a) Site No: -2A- At Contour Road R/S of Right Dyke "Cruise Terminal for Day Cruising facilities"- 21°30'11.35" N, 83°51'8.75" E b) Site No: -2B- At contour road R/S of Right Dyke "Hotels"- 21°29'59.69" N, 83°51'7.60" E c) Site No: -2C- At contour road of R/S of Right dyke for "Tourism amenities" 21°29'40.85" N, 83°51'9.26" E	NOC has been issued for these proposals subject to use of land above 642ft. RL.

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4	Site No: -3- Near OHPC Burla and Burla Powerhouse for "Arrival Plaza, Retail spaces, Dam Museum, etc" 21°30'23.62"N, 83°51'33.73"E	NOC has been given for these proposals subject to use of said area, subject to approval from OHPC.
5	Site No: -5 Near 2nd Gap of Left Dyke at its U/s & D/s for "Private investments". 21°32'50.06" N, 83°55'55.88" E	NOC has been issued for areas in downstream of the dyke beyond 500m and downstream of the dam beyond 600m, for tourism activity.
6	Site No: -6 Near Champa Para-Chowk at Left dyke- "Arrival Plaza" 21°33'27.34"N, 83°58'12.06" E	NOC has been issued for these proposals subject to use of land above 642ft. RL.
7	Site No: -8 Near 5th Gap of Left dyke for Tent City, Caravan and Camping" 21°34'37.10" N, 83°59'45.40" E	B. NOC has been issued for areas beyond 500m downstream of dyke and beyond 600m downstream of the dam for tourism activity limiting to stipulations mentioned in the SOP for periphery development of reservoir, guidelines of NDSA & Ramsar Guidelines.
8	Site No:-10- Mahanadi Island (Non-Submerging areas) for "Tourism facilities, amenities and private investment"- 21°31'25.99" N, 83°52'46.58" E	NOC has been issued for areas in downstream of the dyke beyond 500m and downstream of the dam beyond 600m, subject to- 1. Risks associated with Dam breach and other emergency/security issues. 2. The dam top cannot be used as approach road.
9	Island of Hirakud Reservoir at the sides of Jharsuguda District (4Nos.)	NOC has been given following SOP for periphery development of reservoir and RAMSAR guidelines & Guidelines of NDSA.

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Terms & Conditions:-

1. Stipulations in the SOP for periphery development of reservoirs & water bodies issued vide DoWR Lr. No. 15408 dtd. 21.06.2022, guidelines on "Instructions for safety and security of Dams during development of tourism activities around the dam/ reservoirs" of National Dam Safety Authority under DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India (copy attached), Ramsar guidelines and amendment to the above SOP/guidelines shall be followed strictly.
2. As the Dam & dyke except spillway portions are made of earth and coming under the category of earth dam, there may be failure of earth dam due to overtopping or any technical reason/ sabotage activity. In view of this, the risk factor is very high as far as the safety of life & property are concerned on the down-stream of Dam & Dykes. Hence, the NOC is subject to the above said risk associated with the tourism developments and DoWR shall not be responsible in any way for the loss of life & property in such tourism development due to dam failure.
3. NOC from OHPC, where ever required, shall be taken.
4. Any permanent construction work, Water sport activities like boating, swimming, fishing, bird watching & diving etc. shall not be allowed in the upstream of the Dam & Spillway in the reservoir area within distance of 10H or 500m whichever is greater (H-Max height of the dam from the deepest section, measured from the hill line of the dam).
5. Tourism activities shall not be done in the prohibited zone demarcated by the Project Authority in the Reservoir area.
6. Dam top road shall not be used as communication for the tourism activities for the safety and security point of view.
7. Tourism Department shall take all necessary precaution to avoid noise pollution and water pollution. Noise for power boating should be restricted to maximum limit of 60dB so that it does not cause any significant disturbance to the aquatic animals and birds.



8. Standard operation procedure for operating water sport activities outlined in the Odisha Water Sports guidelines shall be adhere to.
9. Ecological and environmental damages if any arising during and after execution shall be the sole responsibility of Tourism Department and the Tourism Department have to take all necessary measures for its restoration.
10. The solid waste not only hamper the aesthetic look of the water body but also cause pollution in the water bodies causing damage to the wildlife, birds and aquatic organism and hence, shall be collected in bins and suitably disposed of.
11. The liquid waste effluent from the infrastructure may suitably be disposed after proper treatment without causing any damage/pollution to the water body aquatic life there in.
12. Water sports activities shall be avoided during flood period, dam incidences, during spillway operation and/or any adverse conditions as decided by the dam authority.
13. Duration of Water Sports Activities shall be from 6.00AM to 5.00PM strictly with required sunlight.
14. Safety norms prescribed by Competent Authorities are required to be followed by Tourism Department. Department of Water Resources/ Project Authorities in charge of water bodies shall not be held responsible for any mishap or violation of safety norms.
15. DoWR shall reserve the right to review/modify/revoke the NOC in case of exigencies.
16. Violation of terms and conditions by Tourism Department shall lead to cancelation of permission order/NOC.
17. In case of any dispute/interpretation required, the decision of DoWR shall be final and binding.
18. Tourism Department shall have to execute an agreement with Project Authority of DoWR incorporating all the above terms and conditions.



- Yours faithfully,

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