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Dated, Bhubaneswar the 28th February'2025

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur
Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Diversion of 23.983 ha of revenue forest land for construction of 220KV LILO Line from existing Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV GRID Substation at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha - GoI observations regarding.

Ref: (i) Letter No.5-ORC562/2023-BHU dtd 25.09.2024 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
(ii) Memo No.10F(Cons)-24/2323-19173/FE&CC dated.05.10.2024 of Govt. of Odisha, FE&CC, Department.

Madam,

In inviting a kind reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, it is to inform that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has requested to furnish compliances on the following points observed by them.

Observation (1): The State Govt. has not furnished the detailed action taken report against the revenue officials responsible for violation causing diversion of revenue forest land for non-forestry purpose.

Compliance: In compliance to the above the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle has reported that, the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division vide his letter No.9158 dt.16.11.2024 had requested the Collector & District Magistrate, Nayagarh District to furnish the detailed action taken report against the revenue officials responsible for violations causing diversion of revenue forest land for non-forestry purpose which is enclosed as **Annexure-A**. Accordingly the Collector, Nayagarh District had called for explanation from the Tahasildar Daspalla, under which circumstances the OPTCL has constructed DC line to 220/33KV GRID Substation in Daspalla Tahasil under Nayagarh District inside revenue forest land unauthorisedly without any forest clearance which violates FC Act. 1980 vide his letter No.212 dt.18.01.2025 which is enclosed as **Annexure-B**. Further, in reply the ADM, Nayagarh District has submitted the compliance report vide Letter No.382 dt.28.01.2025 of the Collectorate, Nayagarh District addressed to the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division, "that 14 OPLE cases have been booked against the OPTCL for such unauthorised encroachment of Revenue Forest land, penalty and assessment has also been realized for such encroachment and order of eviction has already been issued to the OPTCL" which is enclosed as **Annexure-C**. In reply to your above

observation, the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division has submitted the compliance to the Got. Of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar vide his letter No.889 dt.29.01.2025 which is self-explanatory enclosed as **Annexure-D**.

In view of the above it is therefore requested that the compliances to the observations made by GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar dated 25.09.2024 is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary consideration for processing of the proposal.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act

Memo No. 4720

/Dt. 28.02.2025

Copy along with one set of compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. No.5-ORC562/2023-BHU dtd 25.09.2024 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar communicated to this office vide your Memo No.19174/FE&CC dt.05.10.2024.

Encl: As above

27/2/2025
Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)

Memo No. 4721

/Dt. 28.02.2025

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.519 dated 19.02.2025.

27/2/2025
Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)

Memo No. 4722

/Dt. 28.02.2025

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 520 dated 19.02.2025 of the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle to her address.

27/2/2025
Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)

Memo No. 4723

Dt. 28.02.2025

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, OPTCL, Sanakusathali, PO-Badikusathali, Berhampur-760007, Odisha for information. With reference to Memo No.521 dt.19.02.2025 of the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle to his address.

27/2/2025
Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)