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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF  
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No.  
Dated, Bhubaneswar the

/9F(TRANS)-416/2021  
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

27/02/2025  
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.

/Dt.

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.

/Dt.

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.

Dt.

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, OPTCL, Sanakusathali, PO-Badakusathali, 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)



OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, NAYAGARH FOREST DIVISION

Mail id: dfo.nayagarh@odisha.gov.in phone no:06753-252226

Letter No. 9158/4F- /2024  
Dated, Nayagarh, the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2024

To  
The Collector & District Magistrate,  
Nayagarh.

Sub:-  
Diversion of 23.983 ha of revenue Forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO line from existing Bhanjangan-Meramundai DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha.

Sir,

Enclosed, please find herewith the letter communicated by Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), it is to inform you that 14 nos towers of 220KV LILO line from Bhanjangan-Meramundai DC line to 220/33KV Grid substation at Daspalla in Nayagarh District has been constructed inside the Revenue forest under Daspalla Range without any forest clearance, which violates Odisha Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Accordingly Tahasildar, Daspalla was requested to book case and he has booked cases under OPLE Act against 14 sites. However in the letter enclosed herewith Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C) has asked explanation regarding action taken report against the Revenue officials responsible for the same.

at this end.  
Encl: As above.

Hence, you are requested to furnish the above desired information for further action

*[Signature]*  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Nayagarh Division.

Memo No. 9159 dt. 16-11-2024  
Copy forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/O the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

*[Signature]*  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Nayagarh Division.

Memo No. 9160 dt. 16-11-2024  
Copy forwarded to Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle, Bhubaneswar, for favour of kind information and necessary action.

*[Signature]*  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Nayagarh Division.

Memo No. 9161 dt. 16-11-2024  
Copy forwarded to Dy General Manager (Elect.), OPTCL, E.H.T. (CONSTRUCTION), Division, Berhampur for favour of kind information and necessary action.

*[Signature]*  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Nayagarh Division.



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Annexure-B

COLLECTORATE, NAYAGARH

Revenue Section

No. 212 dt. 18-01-25

To

The Tahasildar, Daspalla.

Sub:- Diversion of 23.983 ha. of revenue Forest land for construction of 220KV LILO line from existing Bhanjanagar-Meramundai DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha.

Ref:- Your letter No. 6476 dtd. 20.12.2024 & Letter No. 9158 dtd. 16.11.2024 of D.F.O., Nayagarh.

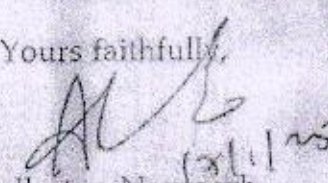
Sir,

With reference to the letter on the subject cited above, you are called upon to explain under which circumstances the OPTCL has constructed DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station in Daspalla Tahasil area under Nayagarh District inside the Revenue Forest land within your jurisdiction. This type of unauthorized construction over forest land for non forest purpose without any forest clearance violates Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Your explanation should reach before the undersigned within three (03) days of receipt of this letter. The name and designation of the erring officials found responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose also needs to be intimated.

This is Most Important.

Yours faithfully,

  
Collector, Nayagarh



Annexure-C 1248

COLLECTORATE, NAYAGARH  
(Revenue Section)

No. 382 dt. 28/01/25



To  
The Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh.

Sub:- Diversion of 23.983 ha. of revenue Forest land for construction of 220KV LILO line from existing Bhanjanagar-Meramundai DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha.

Ref:- Your Letter No. 9153 dtd. 16.11.2024 of D.F.O., Nayagarh.

Madam,

In inviting a reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am to intimate you that the Tahasildar, Daspalla was asked to submit status report in this issue vide this office letter No. 3063 dtd. 11.12.2024. Accordingly the Tahasildar, Daspalla has submitted his report stating that 14 OPLE cases have been booked against the OPTCL for such unauthorized encroachment of revenue forest land, penalty and assessment has been realized for such encroachment and order of eviction has been issued to the OPTCL.

Then vide this office letter No. 212 dtd. 18.01.2025 (copy enclosed), the Tahasildar has been asked to submit explanation under which circumstances M/S OPTCL constructed 220KV LILO line from existing Bhanjanagar-Meramundai DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur and to intimate about the erring officials found responsible.

This is for information.

Yours faithfully,

28.1.25  
Addl. District Magistrate,  
Nayagarh

Memo No. 383 / dtd. 28/01/25  
Copy to the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, OPTCL for information with reference to his letter No. 148 dtd. 04.12.2024.

28.1.25  
Addl. District Magistrate,  
Nayagarh

Memo No. 384 / dtd. 28/01/25  
Copy to Steno to Collector for kind appraisal of the fact to the Collector.

28.1.25  
Addl. District Magistrate,  
Nayagarh



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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, NAYAGARH FOREST DIVISION, NAYAGARH.  
Tel No-06753- 252226 (Fax) E-mail dfo.nayagarh@odisha.gov.in

Letter No. 888 /4F- /2025  
Dated, Nayagarh the 29 Jan., 2025

To

The OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government.  
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Odisha.

Sub:- Diversion of 23.983 ha. of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV Lilo from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Daspalla Tahasil of Nayagarh district under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha.

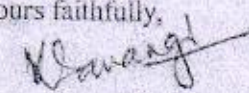
Ref:- Your Letter No. 19176 dtd. 05.10.2024.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited letter on the captioned subject, I am to intimate you that Collector, Nayagarh was requested to furnish the detailed action taken report against the Revenue Officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose vide this office letter No. 9158 dtd. 16.11.2024. The Collector, Nayagarh has forwarded his reply vide letter No. 382 dtd. 28.01.2025 which is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal.

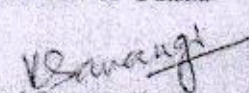
Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

  
Divisional forest Officer,  
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 889 dtd. 29-01-2025

Copy forwarded to the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C) Regional Office, Bhubaneswar Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action.

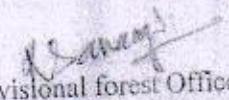
  
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Nayagarh division.



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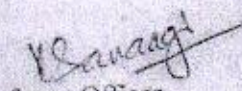
Memo No. 890 dtd. 29-01-2025

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests (Nodal) O/o the principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

  
Divisional forest Officer,  
Nayagarh division.

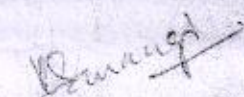
Memo No. 891 dtd. 29-01-2025

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

  
Divisional forest Officer,  
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 892 dtd. 29-01-2025

Copy forwarded to the Dy. GM, Electrical, OPTCL, Berhampur for favour of kind information and necessary action.

  
Divisional forest Officer,  
Nayagarh division.



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