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Letter No. 298 /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.

Divisional forest Officer, Nayagarh division. 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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(Revenue Section)

No. 382 dt. 28/01/25

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. 9158 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. 3065 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,

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.

Addl. District Magistrate,

Nayagarh

Memo No. 369 / dtd. 28/0/25 Copy to Steno to Collector for kind appraisal of the fact to the Collector.

Addl. District Magistrate, Navagarh

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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