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12th March, 2025

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Department,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubanewar – 751 001

Sub: Diversion of 136.966 ha (94.013 ha in Balliguda Division + 42.953 ha in Kalahandi North Division) of forest land for construction of 220/132/33 KV/DC Transmission line from existing 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Kesinga of Kalahandi District to proposed 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Sirtiguda of Kandhamal District by Deputy General Manager (EI), EHT Construction Division, OPTCL, Berhampur in Odisha.

Ref:1) This office letter of even number dated 24.04.2024.

2) PCCF & HoFF, Odisha's letter No.1933/9F(TRANS)-390/2023 dated 27.01.2025

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the point wise reply submitted by the Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha vide letter under reference-2 was examined in this office. The State Govt. has reported 62 nos. of towers in Balliguda and 23 nos. of towers in Kalahandi (N) Division have been constructed over proposed RF and Revenue forest land without prior approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. However, on further examination of KML files in DSS, it is observed that 66 nos. of towers in Balliguda and 25 nos. of towers in Kalahandi (N) Division have constructed over proposed RF and Revenue forest land.

It is therefore requested to recheck the mis-match in number of towers constructed over proposed RF and Revenue forest land and submit detail report to this office at an early date for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

(Dr. Padma Mahanti)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023 for kind information and necessary action.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Balliguda/Kalahandi (N) Forest Division, Balliguda/Bhawanipatna, Odisha for information and necessary action.
3. The Deputy Genral Manager (Elect), EHT Construction Division, OPTCL, Berhampur, At: Sanakusasthali, PO: Badakusasthali, Berhampur-760007, Odisha for information and necessary action.

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