



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,
BHUBANESWAR

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To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),
MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, Integrated Regional Office,
A/3 Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 0.378 ha of Revenue Forest Land for construction of 400 KV Talcher-Meramundali D/C Transmission Line of PGCIL at village Kamalanga in Dhenkanal District, Odisha-

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (FC Division), Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar have accorded Stage-I approval vide their Letter No. 5-ORB-403/2019-BHU dated 16.01.2020 in respect of diversion of 0.378 ha of Revenue Forest Land for construction of 400 KV Talcher- Meramundali D/C Transmission Line of PGCIL at village Kamalanga in Dhenkanal District, Odisha, subject to fulfillment of Twenty four (24) nos of conditions stipulated therein. Further, Government of Odisha in F&E Department vide their Letter No 10(F)-(Cons)-121/19-1925/F&E dtd 27.01.2020, have imposed 04(Four) nos of additional conditions. In this regard the point-wise compliance as received from the RCCF, Angul Circle vide his Memo no. 4528 dated 30.12.2020, based on the report of DFO, Dhenkanal Division furnished vide his Memo No 10833 dtd 02.12.2020, is furnished below:-

Condition No-(i): Legal status of Forest land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that the legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged, which is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

Condition No-(ii): Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, DFO, Dhenkanal Forest Division has reported that the forest land will be handed over only after handing over of Non-Forest land involved in the project is handed over to the User Agency & the User Agency has also furnished an undertaking that the forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency, which is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

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Condition No-(iii): *The State Govt shall realize the cost of plantation (including 10Years maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled (subject to minimum no of 100plants) from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul has reported that an avenue plantation scheme prepared for plantation of 1500 nos of plants against felling of 15 trees from Forest land & 135 trees from Non-Forest land involved in the project and the same has been approved by RCCF, Angul Circle vide Memo No 1002 dtd 11.03.2020 (Copy appended as **Annexure_III-a**), with Financial outlay of Rs 29,08,700.00 at the wage rate of Rs. 298/- per MD & subsequently revised to Rs 29,79, 000/- at the wage current rate of Rs. 308/- per MD, having provision for 10 yrs maintenance and the user agency has deposited a sum of Rs. 29,79, 000/- in two phases (Rs 29,08,700.00 + Rs 70,300.00) towards Avenue Plantation in the State Specific CAMPA Account vide UTR No. SBIN220079946812 dated 19.03.2020 and UTR No.SBIN520332824319 dtd 22.11.2020, respectively. Copy of document in support of deposit of the above mentioned amounts are appended as **Annexure-IIIb & IIIc**. Copy of the Avenue plantation scheme has been appended as **Annexure-IIIId** & copy of demand letters issued by DFO Dhenkanal Division vide Letter No 2754 dtd 13.3.2020 & No 10495 dtd 23.11.2020 are appended as **Annexure-IIIE & IIIf** respectively. An undertaking of User Agency is enclosed has been **Annexure-IIIG**.

Deposit details of approved cost of Avenue Plantation Scheme

Scheme	Wage rate in Rs	Approved Amount in Rs	Amount Demanded by DFO	Letter of Demand of DFO	Amount deposited by UA	Bank Acct no of Corporation Bank, Lodi Complex Br, N.Delhi, in which deposited	UTR No with date
Avenue Plantation 1500 plants	298/-	29,08,700/-	29,08,700/-	2754 dt 13.3.20	31,21,700/- , which includes 29,08,700/-	150826440463646	SBIN220079946812 dt 19.3.2020
	308/-	29,79,000/-	70,300/-	10495 dt 23.11.20	87,900/- which includes 70,300/-	150826440463630	SBIN520332824319 dt 22.11.2020

Condition No-(iv): *The State Government shall charge the Net Present value(NPV) for 0.378 ha of forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in Writ Petition (Civil) no. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide its letter No. 5-1/1998-FC (pt.II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006/FC dated 03.10.2006 and No..5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above,RCCF, Angul reported that, DFO, Dhenkanal Division vide his letter No. 1045 dated 31.01.2020 (appended as **Annexure- IV b**) had raised demand on user agency to deposit Rs. 2,36,628/- towards cost of NPV through e-portal of MoEF & CC. The details of which is furnished below:-

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Forest Area (in ha)	Density	Eco-Value Class	Rate of NPV per ha (in Rs.)	NPV amount (in Rs.)
0.378	<0.4	Class-III	6,26,000	Rs. 2,36,628/-

The user agency reported to have deposited a sum of Rs. 2,36,628/- towards NPV in the State Specific CAMPA account no 150826440463323 through e-portal of MoEF & CC in ORISSA CAMPA account vide UTR No- SBIN520037687191 dated 06.02.2020, which is enclosed at **Annexure-IVa** series. Further, the user agency has submitted an undertaking that they would pay the NPV as per guidelines issued as above, which is enclosed at **Annexure-IV**.

Condition No-(v): *Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Govt. from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking that the Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Govt. from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect, which is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

Condition No-(vi): *All the funds received from user agency under the project shall be transferred /deposited to State CAMPA fund only through (<http://parivesh.nic.in>)*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle reported that User Agency has deposited all funds online into State Specific CAMPA Accounts through parivesh portal as detailed below:

Sl No.	Type of deposit	Wheth er by RTGS/ NEFT	UTR No.	Amount deposited	Date of deposit	Name of Bank from which amount transferred to account CAF	Bank Account of Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Lodhi Rd, N.Delhi-03,in to which fund deposited
01	NPV	Online	SBIN520037687191	2,36,628/-	06.02.2020	SBI, Saheed Nagar Br, BBSR	150826440463323
02	Avenue Plantation	Online	SBIN220079946812	29,08,700/-	19.03.2020	SBI, Saheed Nagar Br, BBSR	150826440463646
			SBIN520332824319	70,300/-	27.11.2020	SBI, Saheed Nagar Br, BBSR	150826440463630
03	Dwarf Plantation	Online	SBIN220079946812	2,13,000/-	19.03.2020	SBI, Saheed Nagar Br, BBSR	150826440463646
			SBIN520332824319	17,600/-	27.11.2020	SBI, Saheed Nagar Br, BBSR	150826440463630

Copy of e-challans with support document bearing UTR No of each transaction has been appended as **Annexure-IIIb, IIIc, IVa & the undertaking furnished by the User Agency as Annexure-VI**. Prescribed **12 point CAMPA format**, reflecting deposit of above compensatory levies by the User Agency duly countersigned by the Nodal Officer has been enclosed.

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Condition No-(vii): *The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with State Forest department.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF Angul reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that they will restrict felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with State Forest department, which is enclosed at **Annexure-VII.**

Condition No-(viii): *The complete compliance of the FRA,2006 shall be ensured by the way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector. The FRA Certificate in Form-II (for linear projects other than plantation) shall be submitted before Stage-II approval.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul reported that the User Agency has submitted the FRA Certificate in prescribed Form-I, issued by the Collector, Dhenkanal vide No.1647 / SSD dated 21.10.2020 which is enclosed at **Annexure-VIII.**

Condition No-(ix): *The User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed scheme for Creation and Maintenance of Plantation of Dwarf Species (preferably medicinal species) in Right of Way under the transmission line, and provide Funds for execution of the said scheme by State Forest Department.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul reported that a scheme for plantation of Dwarf Species (preferably medicinal species) in the Right of Way under the transmission line with provision for 10 years maintenance has been technically approved by Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Angul with financial outlay of Rs 2,13,000.00 at wage rate of Rs 298/- per man day & revised to Rs.2,30,600/- at the current wage rate of Rs.308/- per man day(Copy appended as **Annexure-IXa**). Accordingly, as per demand raised vide Letter No 2754 dtd 13.03.2020 & No 10495 dtd 23.11.2020 of DFO Dhenkanal Division(Copy appended as **Annexure- IIIe & IIIf**) , the user agency has deposited a sum of Rs 2,13,000/- into State specific CAMPA Account No 150826440463646 through (<http://parivesh.nic.in>) vide UTR No-SBIN220079946812 dated 19.03.2020 and Rs.17,600/- into Acct No 150826440463630 vide UTR No.SBIN520332824319dt.27.11.2020,which are enclosed at **Annexure-IXb(IIIb)&IXc(IIIc).** The undertaking of User Agency to pay cost of dwarf variety tree incase of revision has been appended as Annexure-IXd.

Condition No-(x): *The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that they would provide bird deflectors in their own cost

which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits which is enclosed at **Annexure-X**.

Condition No-(xi): *The user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that they would comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014, which has been enclosed at **Annexure-XI**.

Condition No-(xii): *The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1980, if applicable.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the Environmental Clearance is not applicable for transmission line projects, vide EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 & the User Agency has also furnished an undertaking on non-applicability of the same appended herewith as **Annexure-XII**.

Condition No-(xiii): *The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Central Government.*

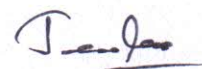
Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Central Government, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XIII**.

Condition No-(xiv) *No labour camp shall be allowed in the forest area..*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that no labour camp shall be allowed in the forest area, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XIV**.

Condition No-(xv) *Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or Forest Development Corporation or any legal source of alternate fuel.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that the user agency shall provide sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or Forest Development Corporation or any legal source of alternate fuel, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XV**.



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Condition No-(xvi): *The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has undertaken not to fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XVI.**

Condition No-(xvii): *The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that the boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer which is enclosed at **Annexure-XVII.**

Condition No-(xviii): *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that they shall not construct any additional or new path inside the forest area for any activity related to the project, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XVIII.**

Condition No-(xix): *The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease granted in favour of user agency or the project life, whichever is less.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease granted in favour of user agency or the project life, whichever is less, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XIX.**

Condition No-(xx): *The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XX.**

Condition No-(xxi): *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without the prior approval of Government of India.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that the forest land proposed to be shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without the prior approval of Government of India, MoEF & CC, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XXI.**

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Condition No-(xxii): *The State Government and the user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all the Court Orders, provisions, rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that the State Government and the user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all the Court Orders, provisions, rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force, as applicable to the project, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XXII.**

Condition No-(xxiii): *Any other condition that this Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that any other condition that this Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area which shall be complied by the user agency which is enclosed at **Annexure-XXIII.**

Condition No-(xxiv): *The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal ([http:// parivesh.nic.in](http://parivesh.nic.in)).*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has undertaken to upload the Stage-I compliance on e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in>), which has been appended as **Annexure-XXIV.**

Additional Conditions Stipulated By State Government, Forest & Environment Department vide letter No.10F(Cons)121/19-1925/F&E Dated.27.01.2020

Condition No.1:- *No sagging of transmission line is allowed. The user agency shall certify in the month of March of every year that sagging, if any, has been corrected and further monthly report will be submitted by them till November of each year in the forest area to the DFO, for his reference.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has undertaken that in the month of March every year the user agency shall certify that sagging, if any, has been corrected and further monthly report shall be submitted by Power Grid till November of each year in the forest area to the DFO, for his reference, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XXV.**

Condition No.2:-*The User agency shall be allowed to fell the Trees on strips for the tension stringing work and the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of local Divisional Forest Officer whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of Transmission line.*

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Compliance:- In compliance to the above, RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that the User agency shall be allowed to fell the Trees on strips for the tension stringing work and the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of local Divisional Forest Officer, whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of Transmission line which is enclosed at **Annexure-XXVI**.

Condition No.3:-In the case of Transmission lines to be constructed is in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees will not be cut.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that in the case of Transmission lines to be constructed in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees will not be cut is enclosed at **Annexure-XXVII**.


Condition No.4:-User agency shall take all measures for strengthening/maintaining the transmission tower and transmission line to be erected/laid on forest/non-forest land as per CEA norms for elephant corridor and any other conditions as may be imposed by CWLW, Odisha so as to ensure that no death of wild animals occur due to electrocution.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking that User agency shall take all measures for strengthening/maintaining the transmission tower and transmission line to be erected/laid on forest/non-forest land as per CEA norms for elephant corridor and any other conditions as may be imposed by CWLW, Odisha, so as to ensure that no death of wild animals occur due to electrocution, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XXVI**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF &CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar as well as the State Government is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 0.378 ha of Revenue Forest Land for construction of 400 KV Talcher-Meramundali D/C Transmission Line of PGCIL at village Kamalanga in Dhenkanal District, Odisha under Section- 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: Stage-I compliance in two sets


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act
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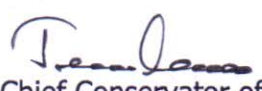
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Copy along with a set of compliance documents is forwarded to the Addl Chief Secretary to Government in F&E Department, Govt. of Odisha for kind information with reference to that Deptt Letter no. 10F(Cons)121/19-1925/F&E Dated.27.01.2020.


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

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Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his memo no. 4528 dated 30.12.2020.


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

Memo No.

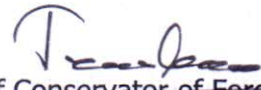
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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division, Dhenkanal Forest Division for information and necessary action, with reference to Memo No 4529 dt 30.12.2020 of RCCF, Angul to his address.


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

Memo No.


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Copy forwarded to the Chief General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. Kaniha for information and necessary action.


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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