



No.5-ORC312/2017-BHU

10th July, 2025

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest, Environment & CC Deptt.,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar - 751 001

Sub:- Final (Stage-II) approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam for non-forestry use of 7.102 ha of Revenue Forest land for diverting 220 KV Budhipadar-Basundhara transmission line from Location No.59 to Location No.75 from the premises of STPP, Darlipali, NTPC Ltd. in Sundargarh district, Odisha by M/s Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No10F(Cons)13/2016-6170/F&E dated 27.03.2017, No.10379/F&E dated 18.05.2017 and No.10525/F&E dated 19.05.2017, wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for non-forestry use of 7.102 ha of Revenue forest land for diverting 220 KV Budhipadar-Basundhara transmission line from Location No.59 to Location No.75 from the premises of STPP, Darlipali, NTPC Ltd. in Sundargarh district, Odisha by M/s Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, was sought in accordance with Section-2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the in-principle approval for diversion of the said forest land was accorded by Ministry vide this office letter No.5-ORC312/2017-BHU dated 29.05.2017, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested to grant final approval of the proposal.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha vide their letter No.15574/9F (TL)-01/2017 dated 03.08.2024, No.13624 dated 26.06.2025 and submission of the compliance report by the State Govt. in *Parivesh* web portal on 07.07.2025, **Stage-II/final** approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is hereby granted under Section 2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 7.102 ha of Revenue forest land for diverting 220 KV Budhipadar-Basundhara transmission line from Location No.59 to Location No.75 from the premises of STPP, Darlipali, NTPC Ltd. in Sundargarh district, Odisha by M/s Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

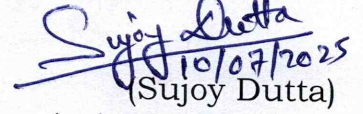
- 1) The State Govt. shall ensure that the legal status of diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

- 2) The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- 3) The State Govt. shall ensure the compliance on FRA, 2006 as per Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules and guidelines issued from time to time before handing over of the diverted forest land to user agency.
- 4) The State Govt. shall ensure that the KML files of the area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before handing over of the diverted forest land to the user agency.
- 5) The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
- 6) The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will raise compensatory afforestation over 7.102 ha of non-forest land identified in Plot No.1264/3477 of Khata No.228/272 of Nuadihi village under Lephripara Tahasil of Sundargarh district under Sundargarh Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency. The species to be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.
- 7) The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department shall carry out plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line, within three years from the issue of approval as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter, from the funds deposited by the user agency in CAMPA account.
- 8) The State Govt. shall ensure that the base of towers in forest area shall be fenced with barbed wire so as to avoid elephant electrocution/death of wild animals especially in forest areas. The concerned DFO shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be fenced with barbed wire.
- 9) The State Govt. shall ensure that in hilly slope areas, sufficient ground clearance has to be maintained with additional height of towers in consideration of the sag and swing of lines and height of elephants to stop untoward incidence of electrocution as per existing guidelines of MoEF&CC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014.
- 10) The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals.
- 11) The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall take all measures for strengthening/maintaining tower and transmission line to be erected/laid on forest/non-forest land as per CEA norms for elephant corridor and shall comply with such other conditions as may be specified by CWLW, Odisha so as to ensure that no death of wild animals occur due to electrocution.
- 12) The State Govt. shall ensure that 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.

- 13) The State Govt. shall ensure that 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.
- 14) The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 15) The State Govt. shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
- 16) The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that no approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the user agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the user agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path.
- 17) The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that while executing works, the user agency shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.
- 18) The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that earth or any material shall neither be brought from nor the debris resulting during construction be disposed of in the adjoining forest area by the user agency.
- 19) The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- 20) The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- 21) The State Govt. shall ensure that the DFO concerned will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in surrounding area.
- 22) The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.
- 23) The State Govt. shall ensure that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & 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.
- 24) The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- 25) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.16 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van

(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 vide Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.

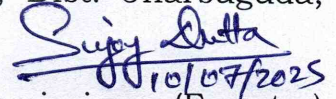
Yours faithfully,


(Sujoy Dutta)

Assistant Commissioner (Forestry)

Copy to:-

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2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Sundargarh Forest Division, Sundargarh, Odisha.
5. The Deputy Manager (Elect.), E.H.T. (O&M) Division, M/s Odisha Power Transmission Limited, At: Budhipadar, P.O: H. Kantapali, Dist: Jharsuguda, Odisha


10/07/2025

Assistant Commissioner (Forestry)