


SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF OPTCL PROJECT

1	Name of the Project	Construction of 220 KV DC transmission line from existing 220/132 KV Grid Sub-Station at Kesinga, Kalahandi District to proposed 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub- Station at Sirtiguda under K.Nuagaon Tahasil in Kandhamal District.
2	Name of the District/Division.	Kandhamal/ Balliguda Forest Division.
3	Date of inspection.	13.04.2023, 06.05.2023, 13.05.2023 & 16.05.2023.
4	Name & Designation of the Inspecting Officer.	1. Sri Biswaraj Panda, OFS (STS), Divisional Forest Officer, Balliguda Forest Division.
5	Name & Designation of the other Officer who attended the inspection including representative of the user agency.	1. Sri Biswaraj Panda, OFS (STS), Divisional Forest Office, Balliguda Forest Division. 2. Sri Dillip Kumar Mohanty, General Manager (EL), EHT (C) Circle, OPTCL, Rayagada. 3. Sri Saumya Ranjan Sahoo, OFS-Gr.A (JB) Assistant Conservator of Forests, Balliguda Forest Division. 4. Rabindra Nath Dakua, Dy.General Manager (EL), OPTCL, E.H.T (Construction) Division, Berhampur. 5. Sri Srimant Kumar Patel, SDO, OPTCL, Balliguda Sub-Division. 6. Sri Malaya Ranjan Dalabehera, Assistant Manager, OPTCL, Balliguda Sub-Division. 7. Sri Pradeep Behera, Forest Range Officer, K.Nuagaon Range. 8. Sri Udit Kumar Pradhan, Forest Range Officer, Balliguda Range. 9. Sri Lalit Mohan Nayak, Forest Range Officer, Tumudibandha Range. 10. Sri D. Subash Chandra, Dy. Range Officer, Balliguda Range. 11. Sri Susant Kumar Baisakhi, Forester K.Nuagaon Section. 12. Sri Manmath Parichha, Forester, Kurtamgarh Section. 13. Sri Satya Narayan Mohanty, Forest Guard Balliguda Beat. 14. Sri Khageswar Pradhan, Forest Guard, Kurtamgarh Beat. 15. Sri Subharanjan Sahani Revenue Inspector, Bataguda. 16. Sri Abhaya Kumar Pradhan, Revenue Inspector, Mundigarh. 17. Sri Subhendra Kumar Sahoo, Revenue Inspector, I/C Kurtamgarh.
6	Legal status of forest land with area proposed for diversion.	Kurtamgarh RF- 9.306 ha. Rutungia PRF-3.795 ha. Pusangia PRF - 6.987 ha. Budhanai South PRF-4.911 ha. Budhanai North PRF-14.839 ha. Revenue Forest- 54.175 ha. Total -94.013 ha.
7	If area required for diversion has been demarcated on the ground.	Area required for diversion has been demarcated by erecting RCC pillars.

Item wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion.		Revenue Forest Land	Total land in ha.
		Balliguda Tahasil	5.168 ha.
		K.Nuagaon Tahasil	32.216 ha
		Tumudibandha Tahasil	16.791 ha.
		Total	54.175 ha
		Forest Land(RF/PRF)	
		Kurtamgarh RF	9.306 ha.
		Pusangia PRF	6.987 ha
		Rutungia PRF	3.795 ha
		Budhanai South PRF	4.911 ha.
		Budhanai North PRF	14.839 ha
		Total	39.838 ha.
		Grand Total	94.103 ha.
9	Condition of vegetation and type of forest applied area.	Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests. <i>Shorea robusta</i> (Sal) is the principal species with other miscellaneous species.	
10	Position of wildlife in general.	No wildlife movement noticed during course of inspection.	
11	Whether the applied area is involved with any eco-sensitive area/national park/sanctuary.	No.	
12	No. of trees to be felled and its impact on the eco-systems.	19304 nos. of trees enumerated over the forest land i.e. 94.103 ha. proposed for diversion & 4010 no's of trees has been enumerated over non-forest land. There would be hardly any negative impact on the ecosystem due to lay of transmission line.	
13	Details of broken up area and reclamation done if any.	Nil	
14	Position of displacement of people and adequacy of rehabilitation if any.	There will be no displacement of any human habitation. So the rehabilitation and resettlement plan is not applicable for this project.	
15	Position of rare and endangered species available of importance of area from eco-social point of view.	No endangered species are noticed during course of inspection.	
16	Area selected for diversion if included in the DLC report or not.	No	
17	Suitability of the identified non-forest area for compensatory afforestation.	Over an area of 275 ha of compensatory afforestation land has been identified in Kalahandi North Forest Division and Subarnapur Forest Division (Kalahandi North Forest Division -175 ha+ Subarnapur Forest Division -100 ha)	

		<p>Kalahandi North Forest Division: Bazargarh RF in Kesinga Forest Range-100.00 ha Hatimunda (Thuapadar Gundi DPF) in Bhawanipatna Forest Range-25.00 ha Pattola (Sinang RF) in Bhawanipatna Forest Range -25.00 ha Podamundi (Brahmhani RF) in Bhawanipatna Forest Range -25.00 ha Subarnapur Forest Division: Hatlimunda RF in Birmaharajpur Forest Range-100 ha.</p>
18	Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 if any and action taken thereof.	Yes violation has been committed by the User Agency as per para 1.21 (ii) of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 issued on dated 28.03.2019.


 Divisional Forest Officer,
 Balliguda Forest Division.