

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**

**FOREST ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT**

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From

Sri Susanta Nanda, IFS,  
Director, Environment-cum-  
Special Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Permission seeking General Approval for (i) 0.171 ha (0.113 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 0.058 ha in Bonai Forest Division) of Forest land for laying of 132 KV underground Transmission line over a distance of 6.353 Km along the RoW of NH-520 (ii) 0.01 ha in the RoW of the approach road from NH-520 to Kamanda Steel Plant of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. in Bonai Forest Division.

(Proposal No. FP/ OR/ TRANS/ 124910/2021, State SI. No.OR-021/2021 dtd.15.03.2021)

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.367 dtd.05.01.2022 on the subject cited above, I am directed to say that the permission seeking General Approval for (i) 0.171 ha (0.113 ha in Keonjhar Forest Division and 0.058 ha in Bonai Forest Division) of Forest land for laying of 132 KV underground Transmission line over a distance of 6.353 Km along the RoW of NH-520 (ii) 0.01 ha in the RoW of the approach road from NH-520 to Kamanda Steel Plant of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. in Bonai Forest Division in the State of Odisha, was examined as per Para 4.2 of Handbook of FC Act, 1980 & FC Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) issued vide letter F.No.5-2/2017-FC dtd.28.03.2019 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi in the matter of laying of underground Optical Fibre Cables (OFC), Telephone Lines, Drinking Water Supply Pipelines, Electricity Cables, CNG/ PNG and Slurry



Pipelines through forest land.

The underground power cable line in RoW of NH-520 will pass from Tower No.87 in Village Topadihi to Tower No.92 in Village Nuagaon (length 3.013 Km) in Keonjhar district and from Tower No.106 in village Rengalbeda, through Kasira & Kusumdih villages in Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh District (Length 3.340 Km along the RoW of NH-520 and 0.398 Km along the RoW of the approach road from NH-520 to Kamand Steel Plant of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. in forest land.

The width and length of trench for laying underground cable transmission line over 6.751 Km is 1 mtr & 1.5 mtr respectively.

As reported no fresh forest land is required to be utilized nor cutting of any tree is required.

It is reported that the applied area does not form part of any National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor and Eco-Sensitive Zone. There is no archaeological monument/ heritage site/ defence establishment located in the applied area. There is no rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna noticed in the forest area. No violation has not been done by the user agency under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as intimated.

The User Agency may be allowed for underground laying of transmission line (electricity cables) after submission of NOC/ Permission from concerned road authority.

The Government of India, MoEF&CC vide Para 4.2 of Handbook of FC Act, 1980 & FC Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) issued vide letter F.No.5-2/2017-FC dtd.28.03.2019 have granted general approval under the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cables (OFC), Telephone Lines, Drinking Water Supply Pipelines, Electricity Cables, CNG/PNG and Slurry Pipe Lines along the roads within existing Right of Ways not falling in National Park and Wildlife sanctuaries without felling of trees where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2mt. of depth and 1mt. wide subject to fulfillment of conditions prescribed therein under approval of the State Forest Department under the local Act/Rules.

In view of the essentiality involved for use of forest land for laying of underground transmission line by M/s Rungta Mines Limited along the Roads within existing RoWs as per Para 4.2 of Handbook of FC Act, 1980 & FC Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) issued vide letter F.No.5-2/2017-FC dtd.28.03.2019 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi, State Government have been pleased to grant permission in favour of the M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. for use of 0.171 ha (0.113 ha in Keonjhar Division and 0.058 ha in Bonai Division) of forest land for laying of 132 KV underground transmission line over a distance of 6.353

Km along the RoW of NH-520 and 0.01 ha of forest land on RoW of the approach road over a distance of 0.398 Km from NH-520 to Kamanda Steel Plant by M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. subject to fulfillment of the following conditions.

- No tree felling should be done for the proposed work by the user agency.
- After completion of the project, the area under RoW should be reclaimed suitably by the user agency.
- The user agency should make good of any loss to forest/environment.
- The User Agency will seek permission from the concerned DFO for carrying out any maintenance.
- The user agency shall obtain prior permission from respective NHAI/NH/PWD road authorities before commencement of laying of underground transmission line within the RoW of respective roads including in forest area.

The DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division / DFO, Bonai Forest Division may be asked to supervise the laying of underground transmission line work during execution of the project and any deviation to the stipulations mentioned above by the User Agency shall be reported by him to the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha/State Government/ Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC along with action taken report.

The Nodal Officer, FC Act shall submit quarterly progress report on the extent of such approvals accorded by the State Government for the project under the general approval order of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India to the Ministry as well as to the Integrated Regional Office.

Yours faithfully,

  
Director, Environment-cum-

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1141 / FE&CC Date 15-01-22

Copy forwarded to Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change, (F.C. Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, Aliganj Road, New Delhi -110003 for information and necessary action.

  
Director, Environment-cum-

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1142 / FE&CC Date 15-01-22

Copy with copy of the diversion proposal (one volume) forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Government of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

*[Signature]*  
Director, Environment-cum-

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1143 / FE&CC Date 15-01-22

Copy forwarded to R&DM Department/ Energy Department / Collector, Keonjhar / Collector, Sundargarh for kind information and necessary action.

*[Signature]*  
Director, Environment-cum-

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1144 / FE&CC Date 15-01-22

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO), FC Act, O/o PCCF & HoFF, Odisha / Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle/Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division / Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Forest Division for information and necessary action.

Strict supervision may be made by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division/ DFO, Bonai Forest Division during laying of underground transmission line work of the project and after.

*[Signature]*  
Director, Environment-cum-

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1145 / FE&CC Date 15-01-22

Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Forest, Environment & Climate Change for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.

*[Signature]*  
Director, Environment-cum-

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1146, FE&CC Date 15-01-22

Copy forwarded to M/s Rungta Mines Ltd., At/Po-Barbil, Dist-Keonjhar for information and necessary action.

  
Director, Environment-cum-

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1147, FE&CC Date 15-01-22

Copy forwarded to the Head, State Portal, I.T. Centre, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action. He is requested to upload this letter in the website of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department **immediately** for information of all concerned.

  
Director, Environment-cum-

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 1148, FE&CC Date 15-01-22

Copy forwarded to the Under Secretary to Government, Office Establishment Section, Forest & Environment Department for information and necessary action with reference to their letter No.12939/F&E dtd.16.07.2016.

  
Director, Environment-cum-

Special Secretary to Government