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To

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Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur

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Sub: Diversion of 25.56 Ha. of Forest Kisam land (originally proposed 25.76 ha) in Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Districts of Odisha for laying of Make Up Water(MUW) pipeline & 132 KV Electric Transmission lines by M/s NTPC Ltd. for drawal of water from Hirakud Reservoir for its Darlipali Super Thermal Power Project in Sundargarh District- Stage-I Compliance regarding

Ref:- (i) Letter No. 5-ORC279/2016-BHU dated 01.11.2016 of the Conservator of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
(ii) Letter No.10F(Cons)292/2015-20863/F&E dated 10.11.2016 of Special Secretary to Govt., Govt. of Odisha, F&E Department

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide Letter No. 5-ORC279/2016-BHU dated 01.11.2016 for diversion of 25.56 Ha. of Forest Kisam land (originally proposed 25.76 ha) in Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Districts of Odisha for laying of Make Up Water(MUW) pipeline & 132 KV Electric Transmission lines by M/s NTPC Ltd. for drawal of water from Hirakud Reservoir for its Darlipali Super Thermal Power Project in Sundargarh District subject to fulfilment of 21 nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department stipulated therein. The point wise compliance based on the reports of RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

Condition No.(i): Legal Status of Forest Land Proposed for Diversion shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that the legal Status of Forest Land Proposed for Diversion shall remain unchanged which are enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

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Condition No.(ii): - *The State Govt. shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest area proposed to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard. While conveying the compliance of this condition, mention be made of the Eco-class and density of forest for which NPV has been charged.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the Demand Note of the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division vide his Memo No.4026 dated 08.11.2026 for payment of the NPV amount over 22.76 ha forest land involved in the project to the tune of Rs.6,26,000/- X 22.76 = Rs.1,42,47,760/- and of the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division vide his Memo No.6269 dated 18.11.2016 for payment of the NPV amount over 2.80 ha forest land involved in the project to the tune of Rs.8,03,000/- X 2.80 ha = Rs.22,48,400/- alongwith the payment particulars made by the User Agency vide UTR No.SBINR52017022300051903 dt.23.02.2017 in the State CAMPA account and the screenshot of the payment particulars has been furnished by the User Agency duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs are enclosed as **Annexure-II (A), II (B), II (C), II (D)** respectively.

Total amount of Compensatory Levies to the tune of Rs.2,28,36,294/- deposited are as follows:

Compensatory Afforestation: Rs.4785754/- (Jharsuguda Forest Division)

Dwarf Plantation: Rs.1554380/- (Jharsuguda Forest Division)

NPV amount: Rs.14247760/- (Jharsuguda Forest Division)

NPV amount: Rs.2248400/- (Sundargarh Forest Division)

Further , the demand note of Rs.75,51,313/- was raised towards differential amount of NPV by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division vide his letter No.543, dt.29.01.2022 and an amount of Rs.4,33,384/- was raised towards differential NPV by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division vide his letter No.2014, dt.13.04.2022. The total amount of Rs.79,84,697/- has been deposited by the User Agency vide UTR No. SBINR52022082601304027, dt.26.08.2022 in the State CAMPA Account and the screenshot of the payment particulars has been furnished by the User Agency duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs are enclosed as **Annexure-III (A), III (B), III (C), III (D) and III (E)** respectively.

Condition No.(iii): -*At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has also furnished undertakings regarding payment of Additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Apex

Court of India duly countersigned by the both the DFOs concerned which are enclosed as **Annexure-III (F)**. 1149

Condition No.(iv): - Compensatory afforestation over 51.52 ha of degraded forest land identified in Gudigaon village of Kolabira Range under Jharsuguda Forest Division against twice of the area of forest land i.e.25.56 ha proposed to diverted shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur has reported that, the financial outlay of the CA Scheme over 51.520 ha of Degraded Forest Land identified in Gudigaon village of Kolabira Range under Jharsuguda Forest Division has been approved by the Addl. PCCF (FD & NO) FC, Act @ Rs.200/- per MD for an amount Rs.47,85,754/- with infrastructure development cost amounting to Rs.10,00,000/- which is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**. The demand note for payment of the CA amount of Rs.47,85,754/- vide Memo No.4024 dated. 08.11.2016 of the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division along with payment particulars made by the User Agency for Rs.2,28,36,294/- UTR No.SBINR52017022300051903 dated 23.02.2017 in the State CAMPA Account and the screenshot of the payment particulars has been furnished by the User Agency duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs are enclosed as **Annexure-IV (A), IV (B) and IV (C)** respectively.

Condition No.(v): - The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation for 10 years, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur has reported that, the revised financial outlay of the CA Scheme over 51.520 ha of Degraded Forest Land identified in Gudigaon village of Kolabira Range under Jharsuguda Forest Division @ Rs.452/- per MD has been approved by the Addl. PCCF (FD & NO) FC, Act for an amount Rs.2,59,15,800/- vide Memo No.25727 dated. 20.12.2024 which is enclosed as **Annexure-V**. As per the demand Note of the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division vide his Memo No.7191 dated 21.12.2024 regarding payment of the differential cost of CA amounts to (Rs.2,59,15,800 – Rs.47,85,754) = Rs.2,11,30,046/- along with payment particulars made by the User Agency of the above amount vide UTR No.SBIN225008238175 dated 08.01.2025 in the State CAMPA Account and the screenshot of the payment particulars has been furnished by the User Agency duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs are enclosed as **Annexure-V (A), V (B) and V (C)** respectively.

Condition No.(vi): - All the funds received from the user agency the project shall be transferred the ad-hoc CAMPA in the concerned Saving Bank Account of Ad-hoc CAMPA in Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has deposited all the compensatory levies in the State CAMPA Account which has been reported by both the DFOs concerned in prescribed 12 Point CAMPA

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format and the screenshot of the payment particulars has been furnished by the User Agency duly countersigned by the concerned DFOs which are enclosed as **Annexure-VI Series**.

Condition No.(vii): - The user agency shall comply with the conditions stipulated by State Govt. vide letter No.10(Cons)292/2015-9873/F&E dated 23.05.2016.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur has reported that, the compliance of the conditions is already made vide memo No.2382 dated. 28.06.2016 of the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division enclosed at **Annexure-VII (C)** and the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has submitted the compliance to the Addl. PCCF, (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act), Bhubaneswar vide his memo No.2442 dated. 02.07.2016 which is enclosed at **Annexure-VII(D)**.

Similarly, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the compliance of the conditions is already made vide memo No.3721 dated. 23.07.2016 of the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division which is enclosed at **Annexure-VII (A)** and the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has submitted the compliance to the Addl. PCCF, (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act), Bhubaneswar vide his memo No.1603 dated. 30.07.2016 which is enclosed at **Annexure-VII (B)**.

The point wise compliances to the stipulated conditions of the State Govt. are furnished as follows:

- ***The User Agency shall pay the evaluated royalty of trees existing over forest land before commencement of work for the trees to be felled, if any.***

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, as per demand note of the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division vide his Memo No.4105 dated 16.11.2016 regarding deposit of the evaluated royalty of 657 Nos. of trees standing over the forest land proposed to be diverted for an amount of Rs.2,10,730/- and of the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division vide his Memo No.3791 dated 21.06.2017 regarding deposit of the evaluated royalty of 2 Nos. of trees standing over the forest land proposed to be diverted for an amount of Rs.7,545/- and the proof of payment of the amount for both the divisions made by the User Agency vide challan No.88 dated 23.02.2017 and challan No.1 dated 16.09.2017 are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (A) Series**.

- ***User agency shall take all measures for strengthening/maintaining the transmission tower and transmission line to be erected/laid on forest/son-forest land as per CEA norms for elephant corridor and shall comply with such other conditions as may be specified by the CWLW, Odisha so as to ensure that no death of wild animals occur due to electrocution.***

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the

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DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that they 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 shall comply with such other conditions as may be specified by the CWLW, Odisha so as to ensure that no death of wild animals occur due to electrocution which are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (B) Series**.

- *DFOs of Sundargarh and Jharsuguda Forest Division shall examine the essentiality of felling of the trees in forest as well as non-forest land of the alignment in consultation with the user agency and only those trees absolutely necessary for felling for the project, shall be allowed to be felled and remaining to be pruned/lopped.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that felling of the trees in forest as well as non-forest land of the alignment shall be done in consultation with the user agency and only those trees absolutely necessary for felling for the project, shall be allowed to be felled and remaining to be pruned/lopped, which are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (C) Series**.

- *Detailed specification of MUW pipeline such as its diameter and depth & width of trench required to be dug for laying the pipeline shall be furnished.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished the detailed specification of MUW pipeline of Darlipali STPP, NTPC Ltd. duly countersigned by both the DFOs concerned which are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (D) Series**.

- *Copy of print out of duly filled up Part-I of the online application filed by the user agency shall be furnished by the user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished copy of print out of duly filled up Part-I of the online application filed which are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (E) Series**.

- *Detailed item-wise land use such as intake water pump house/switch yard, foundation casting of towers for transmission line, transmission line, MUW pipeline over forest and non-forest land of corridor shall be furnished by the user agency. PCCP, Odisha in his forwarding letter indicated the total requirement of land to be 480.355 acres which does not seem to have included the sabik kisam forest land of 2.998 acres. Accordingly land requirement for the project shall be reflected in the land use plan.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished the detailed item-wise land use plan of the MUW pipeline and 132 KV transmission Line Corridor over forest and non-forest land duly countersigned by both the DFOs concerned which are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (F) Series**.

- *FRA certificate furnished by Collector, Sundargarh shall have official seal under signature.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished the FRA certificate of the diverted forest land pertaining to Sundargarh Forest Division duly issued by the Collector & District Magistrate, Sundargarh District vide his letter No.4255 dated 16.12.2015 with his seal and signature and also with detailed land schedule of the proposed forest land to be diverted as **Annexure-VII S (G) Series.**

- *FRA compliance for 0.49 acres (0.2 ha) of Sabik KISSAM Forest land in Village Kirarama and 0.88 acres (0.36 ha) of Patra Jungle pertaining to plot no.167 of Khata no.81 in Village Bundia in Jharsuguda district shall be furnished by the Collector, Jharsuguda.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished the FRA certificate of the diverted forest land pertaining to Jharsuguda Forest Division duly issued by the Collector & District Magistrate, Jharsuguda District vide his Memo No.984 dated 22.06.2016 forwarded by the District Welfare Office, Jharsuguda vide Memo No.985 dated 22.06.2016 wherein the land schedule of village Kirarama under Lakhanpur Tahasil and village Bundia under Jharsuguda Tahasil of Khata No.81 Plot No.167 (status of the land as on 25.10.1980) has been furnished by the Tahasildar, Lakhanpur Tahasil vide his Memo No.2644 dated 24.06.2016. The report of the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division to the Collector & District Magistrate, Jharsuguda District vide his Memo No.984 dated 22.06.2016 forwarded by the District Welfare Office, Jharsuguda vide Memo No.985 dated 22.06.2016 regarding land schedule of the Revenue Forest land proposed to be diverted under Jharsuguda District are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (II) and VII S (I).**

- *Land schedule duly authenticated by Tahasildar for 0.49 acres of sabik kisam forest land in Kirarama village in the corridor shall be furnished by the user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished the land schedule of village Kirarama under Lakhanpur Tahasil of Khata No.111 Plot No.733 (status of the land as on 25.10.1980) which has been furnished by the Collector & District Magistrate, Jharsuguda District vide his Memo No.984 dated 22.06.2016 & forwarded by the District Welfare Office, Jharsuguda vide Memo No.985 dated 22.06.2016 which is enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (II).**

- *Sol toposheet F45M1 given in the DP does not show the degraded forest land identified for CA. The DFO, Jharsuguda shall comply with this deficiency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that, the land identified for raising of CA has been shown on Sol Toposheet No.F45M1 in 1:50,000 scale duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (J).**

- *Administrative approval for acquiring the land including private land for this corridor project shall be furnished.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished the administrative approval for acquiring the land including private land for this corridor project duly issued by the Collector and District Magistrate, Jharsuguda District and Sundargarh District vide their order No.3508/LA dated 08.04.2016 and order No.474 dated 08.04.2016 respectively which are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (K) Series.**

- *Longitudinal and latitudinal extent of this corridor project shall be furnished.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished the longitudinal and latitudinal extent of this corridor project duly countersigned by both the DFOs concerned which are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (L) Series.**

- *The CA scheme indicates that main objective of the scheme is to restock forest vegetation of Lamdungri PRF under Kolabira Range. However, it has been further indicated in the scheme that degraded forest land of 51,520ha. has been identified in Gudigaon village in four plots of Khata No. 1. Thus exact status of identified land for CA shall be furnished,*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that, the land schedule of the CA land has been identified at village Gudigaon under Kolabira Tahasil of Jharsuguda District that the RoR downloaded from the Bhulekh records shows that the 4 nos. of plots of the CA land (2458/2464, 2464/2504, 2464/2505, 2464/2506) were under the ownership of the Forest Department as on 30.04.1976 over an area of 130.48 Ac. Or say 52.80 ha which is duly authenticated by both the DFO and Tahasildar concerned. Further, it is to report that the CA land identified over 52.804 ha under Gudigaon village under Kolabira Tahasil is now under Badkhalia PRF notified vide Notification No.12036/FE&CC dated 05.06.2023 and is now under the control of FE& CC Department, Govt. of Odisha and the detailed notification of such PRF are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (M) Series.**

- *Technical approval by competent authority for the CA scheme is not attached to CA scheme, which shall be furnished for reference.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that, the financial outlay of the CA scheme as has been approved by the Addl. PCCF (FD & NO) FC Act vide his Memo No.25727 dated 20.12.2024 for an amount of Rs.2,59,15,800/- is enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (N).**

- *Status of non-forest/private land coming within the corridor as on 25.10.1980 duly certified by the Tahasildars shall be furnished.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished the status of non-forest/private land coming within the corridor as on 25.10.1980 duly certified by the Tahasildar, Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda under Jharsuguda District vide their Memo No.3009 dated 05.11.2014 and Memo No.3322 dated 20.12.2014 respectively and by the Tahasildar, Lephripara and Hemgiri under Sundargarh District which are enclosed as **Annexure-VII S (O) Series**.

Condition No.(viii): - *The user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission line 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, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that they shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission line through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter NO.7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014 which are enclosed as **Annexure-VIII**.

Condition No. (ix): -*The user agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferable medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line and provide funds for execution of the said scheme by the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has prepared detailed Scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of Dwarf Species in consultation with State Forest Department over 2.49 ha under Sundargarh Forest Division and 22.76 ha under Jharsuguda Forest Division which are enclosed at **Annexure-IX (A) & (B)** for Sundargarh and Jharsuguda Forest Division respectively. Accordingly, a demand note of Rs.5,00,917/- vide Memo No.3811 dated 21.06.2017 of the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division and demand note of Rs.15,54,380/- vide Memo No.4423 dated 15.12.2016 of the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division has been issued in favour of the User Agency which are enclosed at **Annexure-IX (C) & IX(D)** respectively. The amount of Rs.5,00,917/- has been deposited by the User Agency vide UTR No.SBINR52017081900011310, dt.19.08.2017 in the State CAMPA Account and the screenshot of the payment particulars has been furnished by the User Agency duly countersigned by the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-IX (F) & (G)**. Again, an amount of Rs.15,54,380/- has been deposited by the User Agency vide UTR No. SBINR52017022300051903, dt.23.02.2017 in the State CAMPA Account and the screenshot of the payment particulars has been furnished by the User Agency duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division is enclosed as **Annexure-IX (E) & (G)**.

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Further, the demand for differential costs for the creation of the dwarf plantation scheme, based on the current wage rates, has been raised by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division to the User Agency for an amount of ₹44,91,575/- (Rs.60,45,955 – Rs.15,54,380) vide his Memo No.6801 dated. 05.12.2024 as per the instruction of the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle vide his Memo No.3033 dated 29.11.2024, which are enclosed as **Annexure-IX (H) Series**. Similarly, the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division has raised a demand for an amount of ₹5,77,196/- (Rs.10,78,113 – Rs.5,00,917) vide his Memo No.215 dated.10.01.2025 as per the instruction of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle vide his Memo No.228 dated 10.01.2025, which are enclosed as **Annexure-IX (H) Series**. Accordingly, the User Agency has also deposited an amount of Rs.44,91,575/- towards differential cost of Dwarf Tree Plantation Scheme vide UTR No. SBINR52024122069520789 dt.20.12.2024 in the State CAMPA Account. Similarly, the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.5,77,196/- towards differential cost of Dwarf Tree Plantation Scheme vide UTR No. SBINR52025012372981560 dt.23.01.2025 in the State CAMPA Account. The payment particulars made by the UA has been reported to both the DFOs concerned vide their letter dated 10.01.2025 and 24.01.2025 respectively and the screenshot of the online payment particulars has been furnished by the User Agency which are enclosed at **Annexure-IX (I) Series**.

Condition No.(x): - *The boundary of the forest land being diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial numbers, DGPS coordinates, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar and submit DGPS map along with soft copy in shape file.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has demarcated the boundary of the Forest Land to be diverted by fixing 4 feet height RCC pillars. The DGPS co-ordinates of the pillars has been prepared by ORSAC and authenticated by both the DFOs concerned and the ORSAC vetted DGPS Surveyed Index map of the project is enclosed under all the Plates of **Plate-A for Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division** of all the villages involved regarding forest patches proposed to be diverted. The soft copy of the shape file is enclosed in **Pen drive** with the compliance. The Forward/Backward bearing of the demarcated pillars captured in matrix pertaining to both Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division are enclosed as **Annexure-X A & X B Series**.

Condition No.(xi): - *The State Forest Department/UA shall submit the DGPS map of 51.52 ha of degraded forest land along with soft copy in shape files identified in Gudigaon village of Kolabira Range under Jharsuguda Forest Division as proposed for CA, giving the forward and backward bearing of each demarcation pillar and distance between them.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the hard copy of DGPS map of the identified CA land at village Gudagaon under Kolabira Range of Jharsuguda Forest Division duly authenticated by the ORSAC, Bhubaneswar along with the

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soft copy in shape files is enclosed as **Plate-B**. The map showing the forward and back bearing alongwith the distance from pillar to pillar is enclosed as **Plate-B (I)**. The Topo map No.F45M1 showing the Degraded Forest Land identified for raising of CA at village Gudigaon is enclosed as **Plate-B (II)**.

Condition No.(xii): - Physical impact in respect of underground pipeline of the project shall be monitored regularly and any adverse impact on the area shall be reported immediately with immediate stoppage of only activities related to the project.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that the physical impact in respect of underground pipeline of the project shall be monitored regularly and any adverse impact on the area shall be reported immediately with immediate stoppage of any activities related to the project which are enclosed as **Annexure-XII**.

Condition No.(xiii): - No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land which are enclosed as **Annexure-XIII**.

Condition No.(xiv): - The user agency shall provide alternate fuel to the labourer's and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that they shall provide alternate fuel to the labourer's and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas which are enclosed as **Annexure-XIV**.

Condition No.(xv): - 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, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work which are enclosed as **Annexure-XV**.

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Condition No.(xvi): -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.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division 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 them which are enclosed as **Annexure-XVI**.

Condition No.(xvii): - 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, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that while executing works, they shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner which are enclosed as **Annexure-XVII**.

Condition No.(xviii): - 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.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division 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 which are enclosed as **Annexure-XVIII**.

Condition No.(xix): - The state Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC(pt.) dated 03.08.2009 read with letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt.) dated 05.02.2013, in support thereof.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished the FRA certificate of the to be diverted forest land pertaining to Jharsuguda Forest Division duly issued by the Collector & District Magistrate, Jharsuguda District vide his Memo No.984 dated 22.06.2016 forwarded by the District Welfare Office, Jharsuguda vide Memo No.985 dated 22.06.2016 with land schedule of the Revenue Forest land proposed to be diverted under Jharsuguda District. Similarly, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the User Agency has furnished the FRA certificate of the to be diverted forest land pertaining to Sundargarh Forest Division duly issued by the Collector & District Magistrate, Sundargarh District vide his Memo No.4255 dated 16.12.2015 alongwith land

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schedule of the Revenue Forest land proposed to be diverted under Sundargarh District which are all enclosed as **Annexure-XIX (A) & XIX-B respectively.**

Condition No.(xx): - Any other conditions that Ministry of Environment, Forest & climate Change may stipulate, from time to in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife shall be complied by the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that any other conditions that Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate, from time to in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife shall be complied by the user agency which are enclosed as **Annexure-XX.**

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

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Sambalpur and Rourkela Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by both the DFO, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Forest Division that the user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project which are enclosed as **Annexure-XXI.**

Further, the cogent reason for delay in submission of Stage-I conditions as has been submitted by the User agency countersigned by both the DFOs concerned are enclosed at **Annexure - XXII** for your kind reference.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar alongwith the State Government is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 25.56 Ha. of Forest Kisam land (originally proposed 25.76 ha) in Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Districts of Odisha for laying of Make Up Water(MUW) pipeline & 132 KV Electric Transmission lines by M/s NTPC Ltd. for drawal of water from Hirakud Reservoir for its Darlipali Super Thermal Power Project in Sundargarh District under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

[Signature]
29/03/25

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 7536

/Dt. 02-04, 2025

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Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference Letter No.10F(Cons)292/2015-20863/F&E dated 10.11.2016 of Special Secretary to Govt., Govt. of Odisha, F&E Department and Letter No. 5-ORC279/2016-BHU dated 01.11.2016 of the Conservator of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

29/3/2025
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 7537

/Dt. 02-04, 2025

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.1124 dated 07.03.2025.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 7538

/Dt. 02-04, 2025

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.637 dated 28.02.2025.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 7539

/Dt. 02-04-2025

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.638 dated 28.02.2025 of the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle to his address.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 7540

/Dt. 02-04-2025

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Sundargarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.1125 dated 07.03.2025 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 7541

/Dt. 02, 04, 2025

Copy forwarded to AGM (HR), NTPC Darlipali STPP, Dist-Sundargarh-770025 for information and necessary action.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)