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Dated, Bhubaneswar the **16<sup>th</sup>** March, 2023

From

**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests**  
**(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)**  
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

**The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
Integrated Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur  
Bhubaneswar-751023

**Sub:- Diversion of 0.827 ha of Revenue Forest land for modification of 132 KV Budhipadar-Jorabaga line from LOC No.71 to 73 in Belpahar in favour of OPTCL, Jharsuguda due to MGR Railway Line (OPGC-MGR) in Jharsuguda Forest Division in Jharsuguda District- Stage-I compliance regarding**

Ref:- GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, BBSR Letter issued vide No.5-ORB478/2021-BHU dated 30.12.2021

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, IRO, BBSR have accorded Stage-I approval vide their Letter No.5-ORB478/2021-BHU dated 30.12.2021 for diversion of 0.827 ha of Revenue Forest land for modification of 132 KV Budhipadar-Jorabaga line from LOC No.71 to 73 in Belpahar in favour of OPTCL, Jharsuguda due to MGR Railway Line (OPGC-MGR) in Jharsuguda Forest Division in Jharsuguda District subject to fulfilment of eight (8) nos. of stipulations in Condition (A) and nineteen (19) nos. of stipulations in Condition (B) imposed therein respectively. The User Agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of the DFO, Jharsuguda and the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle are as follows:-

**A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.**

***Condition No.(i):- The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land being diverted under this proposal, 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. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.***



**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the UA has deposited the Net Present Value (NPV) amounting to Rs.5,17,702/- for diversion of 0.827 ha of forest land in the CAMPA Account through e-payment mode vide UTR No.CBINH22061209062 dt.02.03.2022.

The copy of the Challan with UTR No.CBINH22061209062 dated 02.03.2022 & demand letter of DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division regarding deposit of NPV are enclosed as **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-I A** respectively.

**Condition No.(ii):-** *The user agency shall transfer the cost of plantation (including 10 years maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled from forest areas at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.10,76,986.00 towards the cost of plantation of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled from forest areas in avenue plantation mode vide UTR No.CBINH22061209062 dated 02.03.2022 through e-payment mode.

The copy of the deposit receipts, demand letter of DFO, Jharsuguda Division regarding deposit of plantation cost & the above scheme are enclosed as **Annexure-II, II-B, II-C** respectively.

Further, due to increase in wage rate from @ Rs.315/- to @ Rs.326/-, the UA has deposited an amount of Rs.14,276/- towards the differential cost of plantation in the CAMPA Account through e-payment mode vide UTR No.IDIBH22242440566 dt.30.08.2022.

The copy of the deposit receipts, demand letter of DFO, Jharsuguda and scheme regarding deposit of differential cost of plantation are enclosed as **Annexure-III, III-D, III-E** respectively.

**Condition No.(iii):-** *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 the State Forest Department.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.17,26,152.00 towards the cost of scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal species) vide UTR No.CBINH22061209062 dt.02.03.2022.

The copy of the deposit receipts, demand letter of DFO, Jharsuguda regarding deposit of cost of dwarf tree plantation and the above scheme are enclosed as **Annexure-IV, IV-F, IV-G** respectively.



Further, due to increase in wage rate from @ Rs.315/- to @ Rs.326/-, the UA has deposited an amount of Rs.33584/- towards the differential cost of dwarf tree plantation in the CAMPA Account through e-payment mode vide UTR No.IDIBH22242440566 dt.30.08.2022.

The copy of the deposit receipts, demand letter of DFO, Jharsuguda and scheme regarding deposit of differential cost of plantation are enclosed as **Annexure-V, V-H, V-I** respectively.

***Condition No.(iv):- All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.***

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that all the funds received from the user agency under the project have already been deposited in the Adhoc-CAMPA Account using e-payment module through web portal of MoEF& CC, Govt. of India, the details is furnished below:

Cond. No.	Name of the Activity	Mode of payment	UTR No.	Amount deposited (Rs.)	Date of deposit	Name of Bank from which amount transferred to account of CAF	Bank Account of CAF managed by CAMPA in which fund deposited	Reference Ann. No.
2. A (i)	NPV	RTGS	CBINH2 2061209 062	5,17,702/-	02.03.2022	Central Bank of India, Ib Thermal	ORISSA CAMPA SB Account No.1508264139357346 maintained in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	<b>Ann. I</b>
2.A (ii)	Plantation of ten times the number of trees felled in forest area in avenue plantation mode	RTGS	CBINH2 2061209 062	10,76,986/-	02.03.2022	Central Bank of India, Ib Thermal	ORISSA CAMPA SB Account No.1508264139357346 maintained in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	<b>Ann. II</b>
	Differential cost of plantation of ten times the number of trees felled	RTGS	IDIBH22 2424405 66	14,276/-	30.08.2022	Indian Bank, Jharsuguda Branch	ORISSA CAMPA SB Account No.1508264139357773 maintained in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	<b>Ann. III</b>
2.A (iii)	Creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species	RTGS	CBINH2 2061209 062	17,26,152/-	02.03.2022	Central Bank of India, Ib Thermal	ORISSA CAMPA SB Account No.1508264139357346 maintained in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	<b>Ann. IV</b>
	Differential cost of creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species	RTGS	IDIBH22 2424405 66	33,584/-	30.08.2022	Indian Bank, Jharsuguda Branch	ORISSA CAMPA SB Account No.1508264139357773 maintained in Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	<b>Ann. V</b>



The Divisional Forest Officer has submitted 12 point CAMPA format duly countersigned by PCCF, FD and Nodal Officer, FC Act. which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXVIII**.

**Condition No.(v):-***The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department. 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.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the cost of felling of trees as per demand notice received by the UA from DM, OFDC Ltd., Jharsuguda (C-KL) Division, Rs.47,475.00 has been deposited in favour of the DM, OFDC Ltd., Jharsuguda (C-KL) Division vide DD No.477629, dt.05.05.2022. The copy of payment details, estimate and demand letter of DM, OFDC Ltd., Jharsuguda (C-KL) Division are enclosed as **Annexure-VI, VI-J, VI-K** respectively.

Further, the UA has deposited Rs.6,133/- towards the cost of tree royalty of 27 nos. trees in the Govt. Treasury Account vide Challan No.18 dt.09.03.2022. The copy of Treasury Challan regarding deposit of tree royalty is enclosed as **Annexure-VI-L**.

**Condition No.(vi):-***The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the compliance report of Stage-I approval has already been uploaded by the User Agency on e-portal of MoEF& CC, Govt. of India.

**Condition No.(vii):-***The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificates from the concerned District Collector.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that as per discussion in 39<sup>th</sup> FRCM meeting held on 23.12.2022 under the Chairmanship of DDG (C), IRO, Bhubaneswar and the minutes of the meeting, FRA certificate issued by the Collector, Jharsuguda under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is enclosed as **Annexure-VII**.

**Condition No.(viii):-***The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, 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.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the boundary of the proposed forest area has already been demarcated on the 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.



DGPS co-ordinates and distance from pillar to pillar have been authenticated by the UA and Tahasildar, Lakhanpur which is enclosed as **Annexure-VIII (O)**. Further, the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division in this regard is enclosed as **Annexure-VIII (P)**.

***B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.***

**Condition No.(i):-** *Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged which is enclosed as **Annexure-IX**.

**Condition No.(ii):-** *The State Govt. shall carry out plantation of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled from forest areas towards compensatory afforestation within three years from the issue of approval as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency. The State Govt. shall inform the site of the plantation. The trees shall be indigenous to the area and naturally growing species shall be planted using intensive planting technique to ensure survival of the plantation.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that a scheme for plantation for ten times plants (27 nos. of trees x 10 times = 270 nos. of plants) in avenue plantation mode from SP Office Chowk to New Bus Stand, Jharsuguda has been prepared duly approved by the Conservator of forests, Sambalpur Circle (**Copy enclosed as Annexure-IX Q**). As per demand raised by DFO, Jharsuguda, the UA has deposited Rs.10,91,262.00 in the Adhoc-CAMPA account. The compensatory afforestation shall be taken up with indigenous species of naturally grown species using intensive planting technique to ensure survival of plantation.

**Condition No.(iii):-** *At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing 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, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is enclosed as **Annexure-X**

**Condition No.(iv):-** *The base of towers in forest area to be fenced with barbed wire in addition to spike on the legs of the towers so as to avoid elephant electrocution/death of wild animals especially in forest areas. The DFO concerned shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be provided with spike on the leg of the towers.*



**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that the base of towers in forest area to be fenced with barbed wire in addition to spike on the legs of the towers so as to avoid elephant electrocution/death of wild animals especially in forest areas. The DFO concerned shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be provided with spike on the leg of the towers which is enclosed as **Annexure-XI**.

**Condition No.(v):-** *Sufficient ground clearance has to be maintained 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.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that sufficient ground clearance has to be maintained 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-XII**.

**Condition No.(vi):-** *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, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-XIII**.

**Condition No.(vii):-** *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, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-XIV**.

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

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the proposed project does not require Environmental Clearance (EC) under EIA notification which is enclosed as **Annexure-XV**.



**Condition No.(ix):-** *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division 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 the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas which is enclosed as **Annexure-XVI**.

**Condition No.(x):-** *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, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work which is enclosed as **Annexure-XVII**.

**Condition No.(xi):-** *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, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that the user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner which is enclosed as **Annexure-XVIII**.

**Condition No.(xii):-** *The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which is enclosed as **Annexure-XIX**.

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

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal which is enclosed as **Annexure-XX**.

**Condition No.(xiv):-** *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*



**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXI**.

**Condition No.(xv):-** *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXII**.

**Condition No.(xvi):-** *The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the Divisional Forest Officer, Jharsuguda Division has furnished an undertaking to this effect which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXIII**.

**Condition No.(xvii):-** *The user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that the user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of Ministry by the end of March every year which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXIV**.

**Condition No.(xviii):-** *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, shall be complied by the user agency.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division 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, shall be complied by the user agency which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXV**.



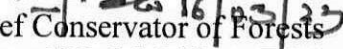
**Condition No.(xix):-** The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Jharsuguda Division that 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 which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXVI.**

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 0.827 ha of Revenue forest land for modification of 132 KV Budhipadar-Jorabaga line from LOC No.71 to 73 in Belpahar in favour of M/s OPTCL, Jharsuguda to MGR Railway Line (OPGC-MGR) in Jharsuguda Forest Division in Jharsuguda District under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

**Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set**


Yours faithfully

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

Memo No. **5214** /Dt. **16.03.2023**

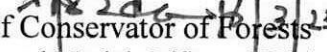
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**Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set**

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

Memo No. **5215** /Dt. **16.03.2023**

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Sambalpur Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.354 dated 20.02.2023

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



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Memo No. 5216 /Dt. 16.03.2023

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Jharsuguda Forest Division for information and necessary action.

*Sharma - 16/3/23*  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 5217 /Dt. 16.03.2023

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (EI), EHT (Q&M Division), OPTCL, Jharsuguda for information and necessary action.

*Sharma - 16/3/23*  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)