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ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (ELECTRICAL),
EHT (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION, OPTCL, KEONJHAR.

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Letter No.- 195(7)

Date: 25/04/2025

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Forest Division, Keonjhar.

Sub: Submission of compliance report for diversion of 8.435 Ha. of forest land for construction of 220 KV DC Transmission line from 400/200 KV PGCIL Grid S/s, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV Grid S/s at Turumunga, Keonjhar by OPTCL.

- Ref: 1. Letter no. 5-ORC 576/20203-BHU, dated 13.03.2025.
2. Memo No. 7275, dated 29.03.2025 of Chief Conservator of Forest (Nodal).
3. Letter no. 4875 dated 25-08-2023 of Tahasildar, Keonjhar
4. Letter no. 3850 dated 09-05-24 of DFO, Keonjhar
5. Letter no. 5176 dated 02-07-2025 of DFO, Keonjhar.

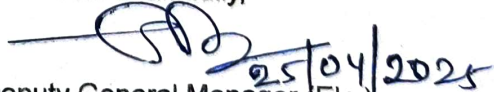
Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, we are submitting herewith the point wise compliance as per the observation of Integrated Regional Office of Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change as mentioned below.

Sl No.	Observation	Compliance
1.	On perusal of the records, the DFO, Keonjhar vide letter No. 8783 dated 26.07.2023 has earlier reported violation over 0.006806 Ha. of forest land. Whereas, the Penal NPV has been realized over 0.00275 Ha. of forest land. Reason for realizing Penal NPV over less extent of the violated area may be furnished and balance Penal NPV over 0.004056 Ha. of forest land may be realized from user agency.	Tahasildar, Keonjhar vide Letter no. 4875 dated 25-08-2023 has reported for violation of 0.006806 Ac (or say 0.00275 Ha.) of forest land. But, due to typographical error the violation area has been mentioned as 0.006806 Ha. Of forest land. DFO, Keonjhar has given clarification about the same vide Letter no 3850 dated 09-05-24 and letter no. 5176 dated 02-07-2025. The letter of Tahasildar, Keonjhar and DFO, Keonjhar is attached for kind reference.
2.	The State Govt. has not uploaded/submitted the Stage-I compliance report through Parivesh web Portal of the Ministry.	The stage I compliance has been uploaded on parivesh portal.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Your's faithfully,


Deputy General Manager (Ele.),
EHT(Const.) Division, Keonjhar

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1. The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle, Rourkela for favour of kind information.
2. The PCCF, FD & NO,FC Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information.
3. The ED, Northern Zone, OPTCL, Balasore for favour of kind information.
4. The CGM,CMC,OPCTL,BBSR for favour of kind information.
5. The GM (Ele.), EHT (Const.) Circle, OPTCL, Jaipur Road for favour of kind information.
6. M/s. Centre for Envotech & Management Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar for information & immediate necessary action.



STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF
PLOT NO. GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR
BHUBANESWAR-751023

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Memo No. **7273** 9F(Trans)-44/2023
Dated, Bhubaneswar the **29th** March'2025

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Keonjhar Forest Division

Sub: Diversion of 8.435 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC transmission line from 400/200 KV PGCIL Grid Sub-Station, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Turumunga, Keonjhar by OPTCL.

Ref: Letter No.5-ORC576/2023-BHU dated 13.03.2025 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), Gol, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of Letter No.5-ORC576/2023-BHU dated 13.03.2025 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), Gol, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar on the captioned subject which is self-explanatory, for your information & necessary action.

In this context, I am directed to request you to comply the observations pointed out in respect of **Point (1)** of the above mentioned Govt. of India letter and furnish the required compliance to this office through RCCF, Rourkela Circle for onward transmission to Gol, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Encl: As above

Memo No. **7274** Dt. **29.03.2025** Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)
Copy alongwith its enclosure forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information & necessary action.

Memo No. **7275** Dt. **29.03.2025** Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)
Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect) EHT (Const) Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar, At: Baldevjew Colony, Lane No.8, Jagannathpur, PO-Keonjhar-758001, Dist-Keonjhar, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)



PCCF (NODAL)

भारत सरकार / Government of India

पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय / Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

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No.5-ORC576/2023-BHU



To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department,
Government of Odisha,
Kharavel Bhavan, Bhubaneswar- 751001.

Sub: Diversion of 8.435 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC transmission line, from 400/200 KV PGCIL Grid Sub-Station, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Turumunga, Keonjhar by OPTCL.

Ref:1) This office in-principle approval letter of even number dated 14.03.2024.

2) PCCF & HoFF, Odisha's letter No.4518/9F (Trans)-44/2023 dated 25.02.2025.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that point wise compliance of stipulated conditions of in-principle approval submitted by Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha vide letter under reference-2 was examined in this office and observed the following.

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SO(N)
- 1) On perusal of the records, the DFO, Keonjhar vide letter No.8783 dated 26.07.2023 has earlier reported violation over 0.006806 ha of forest land, Whereas, the Penal NPV has been realized over 0.00275 ha of forest land. Reason for realizing Penal NPV over less extent of the violated area may be furnished and balance Penal NPV over 0.004056 ha of forest land may be realized from user agency.
 - 2) The State Govt. has not uploaded/submitted the Stage-I compliance report through Parivesh web portal of the Ministry.

It is therefore requested to submit the compliance of the above observation to this office for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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(Dr. Padma Mahanti)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar - 751 023 for kind information and necessary action.
2. The Deputy General Manager (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar, At: Baldevjew Colony, Lane No.8, Jagannathpur, PO: Keonjhar-758001, Dist: Keonhar, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Padma Mahanti
Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

OFFICE OF THE TAHASILDAR, KEONJHAR

Letter No 41878/ Misc/ Dtd. 25.08.2023

To

The Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division

Sub: - Diversion of 8.435 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC transmission line from 400/200 KV PGCIL Grid Sub-station, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Turumunga, Keonjhar by OPTCL - regarding.

Ref: Your office letter No. 8783/Mining Dated 26.07.2023 of DFO, Keonjhar

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above and letter under reference, I am to intimate you that on receipt of the intimation of encroachment of Government land on plot no. 104 Khata no. 41 under Mouza - Manoharpur, one encroachment case no. 62/2023 was initiated against OPTCL, represented by DGM (Elect), EHT Construction Division, Keonjhar u/s 4, 6, & 7 of the O.P.L.E. Act, 1972 and show cause was issued on dated 27.07.2023.

The encroacher represented by one Sri Subash Chandra Singh, DGM (Elect), remained present on the date of hearing on 04.08.2023 and admitted of construction of an electric tower on an area of Ac 0.006806 on plot no. 104 Khata no. 41. "Kha" notice was issued to the encroacher directing to vacate the case land within 30 days by dismantling the structure.

The DGM (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar has also submitted that the encroachment was unintentional and has assured to vacate the said land within a period of 30 days.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,
Tahasildar Keonjhar
25.8.23



OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KEONJHAR DIVISION

Ph. No. 06766-254315, E.mail- dfo.keonjhar@odisha.gov.in

Memo No. 3850 / 6F- Mining-80/2021
Dated, Keonjhar the 09th April, 2024
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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(FD&NO, FC Act), O/o- the PCCF&HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 8.435 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC transmission line from 400/200KV PGCIL Grid Sub-Station, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Turumunga, Keonjhar by OPTCL.

X-Sub: Demand of funds towards NPV/ Penal NPV.

Ref: This office memo No.2705 dated 28.03.2024.
Letter No.5-ORC576/2023-BHU dated 14.03.2024 of MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar

In continuation to the memo cited above on the captioned subject this is to intimate that, as per condition No.2.A(ii) of Stage-I approval order dated 14.03.2024 of MoEF&CC, GoI, IRO, Bhubaneswar, Penal NPV {five (5) times of the area used for non-forestry activities in violation to FC Act, 1980 over 0.00275 ha forest land i.e. (@ Rs.11,16,900/- x 0.00275 x 5) = Rs.15,357.37 or say Rs.15,357.00 was demanded to the user agency.

Now, your good office has raised observation on the forest area over which violation has been occurred and the present area (0.00275ha as per demand letter) mismatch with the area i.e. **0.006806 ha** as mentioned in compliance made by this office memo No.9692 dated 28.08.2023).

That, the Tahasildar, Keonjhar had reported the violation area as 0.006806 Acr. vide his letter No. 4878 dated 25.08.2023. And due to typographical error the violation area was mentioned as **0.006806 ha (instead of 0.006806 Acr.)**. But the actual violation area come to 0.00275 ha. The copy of the letter No. 4878 dated 25.08.2024 of Tahasildar, Keonjhar is enclosed herewith for your reference.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.

Memo No. 3851 / Dated 09.05.2024

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle, Rourkela for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to this office memo No.2704 dated 28.03.2024.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division

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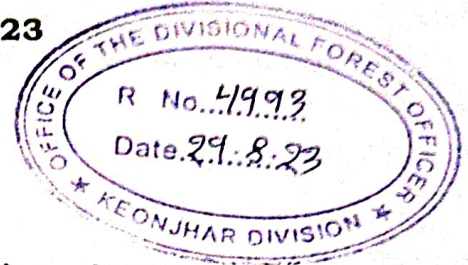
Memo No. 3852 / Dated 09.05.24

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager, (Elet.), EHT (Cons.) Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar, At- Baladevjew Colony, Lane-8, Jagannathpur, Keonjhar for information and necessary action with reference to this office letter No.2703 dated 28.03.2024.


**Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division**

OFFICE OF THE TAHASILDAR, KEONJHAR

Letter No 41878 / Misc/ Dtd. 25.08.2023



The Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division

Sub: - Diversion of 8.435 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC transmission line from 400/200 KV PGCIL Grid Sub-station, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Turumunga, Keonjhar by OPTCL - regarding.

Ref: Your office letter No. 8783/Mining Dated 26.07.2023 of DFO, Keonjhar Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above and letter under reference, I am to intimate you that on receipt of the intimation of encroachment of Government land on plot no. 104 Khata no. 41 under Mouza - Manoharpur, one encroachment case no. 62/2023 was initiated against OPTCL, represented by DGM (Elect), EHT Construction Division, Keonjhar u/s 4, 6, & 7 of the O.P.L.E. Act, 1972 and show cause was issued on dated 27.07.2023.

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The DGM (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar has also submitted that the encroachment was unintentional and has assured to vacate the said land within a period of 30 days.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,
Tahasildar Keonjhar
25.8.23

Memo No. _____ date _____

Copy forwarded to Collector, Keonjhar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Tahasildar, Keonjhar



OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KEONJHAR DIVISION
Phone No- 06766-254315, email ID- dfo.keonjhar@odisha.gov.in

Memo No. 5176
Dated, Keonjhar the

/6F-Mining-80/2021
02nd July, 2024

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act,
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for Diversion of 8.435 ha Forest Land for construction of 220KV/DC Transmission line from 400/200KV PGCIL Grid Sub-Station, Keonjhar to 220/132 KV Grid Sub-Station at Turumunga, Keonjhar by OPTCL-Regarding.

Ref: Memo No.11325 dated 01.06.2024 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, (Nodal), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

With reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, the point wise clarification, as sought for is depicted below:-

Observation 1:- Earlier you have reported vide your Memo No.9692 dated 28.08.2023 that the forest area under violation is 0.006806 ha.

Observation 2:- The RCCF, Rourkela has previously reported vide his office Memo No.3067 dated 15.09.2023 that the extent of forest area under violation is 0.006806 ha.

Compliance:- Point No. 1 and 2.

The Tahasildar, Keonjhar had reported the violation area as 0.006806 Acr. Vide his letter No.4878 dated 25.08.2023. And due to typographical error, the violation area was mentioned as 0.006806 ha(instead of 0.006806 Acr). But the actual violation area come to 0.00275 ha. The copy of the letter No.4878 dated 25.08.2024 of the Tahasildar, Keonjhar is enclosed herewith for your reference.

This fact was intimated to you vide this office memo No.3850 dated 09.05.2024.

Observation 3:- However, while raising demand you have taken the violation area as 0.00275 ha instead of earlier reported violation area as 0.006806 ha.

Compliance:- Point No.3

It is the fact that the demand of Penal NPV has been raised vide this office letter No.4330 dated 29.05.2024 (copy enclosed) basing on the actual violation area of 0.00275 ha, as reported by the Tahasildar, Keonjhar vide his letter No.4878 dated 25.08.2023.

Encl:- As above


Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.


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Memo No. 5177 Dated 02.07.2024

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator Forests, Rourkela Circle.
Rourkela for favour of kind information and necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.





OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KEONJHAR DIVISION
Phone No- 06766-254315, email ID- dfo.keonjhar@odisha.gov.in

Letter No 3800

/6F-Mining-80/2021

Dated, Keonjhar the

04th April, 2025

To

The Regional Chief Conservator Forests,
Rourkela Circle, Rourkela

Sub:

Diversion of 8.435 ha Forest Land for construction of 220KV/DC Transmission line from 400/200KV PGCIL Grid Sub-Station, Keonjhar to 220/132 KV Grid Sub-Station at Turumunga, Keonjhar by OPTCL-Regarding.

Ref:

1. Letter No.5-ORC576/2023-BHU dated 13.03.2025 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (c), MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, IRO, Bhubaneswar.
2. Memo No.7273 dated 29.03.2025 of Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

With reference to the letters cited above on the captioned subject, the point wise clarification, as sought for is depicted below:-

Observation 1:-

On perusal of the records, the DFO, Keonjhar vide letter No.8783 dated 26.07.2023 has earlier reported violation over 0.006806 ha of forest land. Whereas, the Penal NPV over less extent of the violated area may be furnished and balance Penal NPV over 0.004056 ha of forest land may be realized from user agency.

Compliance:-

The Tahasildar, Keonjhar had reported the violation area as 0.006806 Acr. vide his letter No.4878 dated 25.08.2023. And due to typographical error, the violation area was mentioned as 0.006806 ha (instead of 0.006806 Acr). But the actual violation area comes to **0.006806 Acr or 0.00275 ha**. The copy of the letter No.4878 dated 25.08.2023 of the Tahasildar, Keonjhar is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I** for your reference. This fact was intimated to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide this office memo No.3850 dated 09.05.2024 & memo No.5176 dated 02.07.2024, copy of which were sent to you in the next memo of even dates.

In view of the above the Penal NPV has been realised over the actual violated area viz 0.00275 ha.

Observation 2:-

The State Govt. has not uploaded/ submitted the Stage-I compliance report through Parivesh web portal of the Ministry.

Compliance:-

The State Govt. has uploaded the Stage-I compliance report through web portal on dated 18.03.2025. The copy of screenshot for uploading of the Stage-I compliance report is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-II.**

Encl:- As above


**Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.**

Memo No. 3801 /Dated 04.04.2025
Copy forwarded to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.


**Divisional Forest Officer,
Keonjhar Division.**