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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated:As per e-sign

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for seeking ex-post facto approval under Section (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 5.127 ha of forest land (4.837 ha in Athmallik Division 0.29 ha in Boudh Division) for construction of 132/33 KV Transmission line from Grid Sub-Station at Boudh to proposed 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Kiakata, Angul by Deputy General Manager (Elect), EIII construction Division, OPICL., Angul Odisha- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 22441/9F (Trans) 363/2023 dated 06.11.2025 on the above subject forwarding compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 08.01.2025 and to say that after examination of the said compliance report the following shortcomings have been observed:

1. The compliance report for the conditions stipulated in the Stage-1 approval is required to be submitted online by the State Government on the PARIVESH portal. However, the proposal is still pending at State level, and the compliance report has not yet been uploaded. The State is therefore requested to submit the compliance report on the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the proposal.
2. In compliance to condition no. 6 of Stage-I approval, State Government has not submitted the details of action taken against the officers responsible for violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhniyam, 1980, under 3 (A)/3 (B) for unauthorized use of forest land without prior approval of the Central Government.
3. An area of 11.50 ha DFL has been proposed for Compensatory Afforestation, however the plantation has been proposed over 5.127 ha area only. As per the condition no 9 of Stage-I approval, the State was asked to ascertain that DFL identified is suitable for CA and carry plantation over the entire area. However, the needful in this regard has not been done by the State and the State has informed that considering the existing canopy cover plantation activities have been proposed only over the 5.127 ha in Block Plantation mode. In this regard the State is required to identify 11.50 ha of DFL (Forest land with a canopy density of less than 0.4) and carry out the plantation over the entire area. The CA scheme shall be accordingly submitted, along with

the site suitability certificates, maps and kml files of the additional area identified for the Compensatory Afforestation.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit information/documents as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.