

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

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To

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking "ex-post facto approval involving violation of the provisions of the Adhinyam" under Section 2 1 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 30.469 ha (Phulbani Division 19.563 ha + Boudh Division 10.906 ha) of forest land for construction of 132/33 KV DC line on DC tower from existing 132/33 KV Phulbani Grid Sub-Station to 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Boudh by OPTCL, Angul, Odisha (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/TRANS/149711/2021) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. /9F (TRANS)-361/2023 dated 20.01.2026 on the above subject and to say that after examination of the compliance report of the Stage-I conditions the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. As per Condition No. 5 of the Stage-I approval, the State Government is required to upload the KML files of the diverted area, Compensatory Afforestation (CA) areas, proposed SMC treatment area, and WLMP area on the e-Green Watch portal, along with all requisite details, prior to grant of final approval. The State Government has submitted that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition. The KML files are not found uploaded on the portal. Accordingly, the State Government is requested to upload the requisite KML files on the portal and provide the corresponding GPS IDs.
- ii. As per Condition No. 8 of the Stage-I approval, the matter of imposition of penal Compensatory Afforestation (CA) was under consideration pending formulation of uniform policy guidelines. In this regard, the Ministry has issued guidelines dated 21.01.2026 prescribing penal CA in cases of violation of the provisions of the Adhinyam. Accordingly, the State Government shall ensure compliance with these guidelines and identify suitable land for penal CA against the forest land used in violation, along with requisite documents such as KML files, CA scheme, and suitability certificate. The corresponding compensatory levies shall be deposited in the State CAMPA account. Further, the penal CA proposed by the State Government shall be verified by the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, and a report, along with CA details and compliance status, shall be submitted to the Ministry for

examination.

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,

Sd/-

(Raja Ram Singh)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

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.