

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 of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 23.983 ha of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO line from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha -reg (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/TRANS/146005/2021)-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Odisha's letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0033-2023-7068 dated 10.04.2023 on the above subject seeking ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 26.05.2025. The detailed minutes of the AC meeting held on 26.05.2025 may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. The Advisory Committee, after going through the facts of the proposal decided to deferred the proposal and sought clarification/information on the following for further consideration in the matter:

1. The State Govt. shall provide the detail of all such cases where the User Agency (OPTCL) has violated the provisions of the Adhiniyam. The State Govt. shall also report the action taken under Section 3A/3B of the Adhiniyam in such cases.
2. In view of the presence of wildlife, particularly elephants, in the proposed project area, the sensitive locations along the project route that require wildlife mitigation measures may be identified and a mitigation plan be formulated with the approval of the Chief Wildlife warden.
3. As per DSS analysis the proposed transmission line is on the boundary of

Satkosia Tiger reserve/ Baisipalli WLS. The state shall examine the matter and take necessary action for wildlife clearance accordingly, as applicable.

4. In case of violation, the state has only provided the area involved in the construction of towers, whereas the area involved in the stringing of the wires has not been calculated. The needful shall be done and the detail of the exact area involved in violation shall be accordingly intimated.

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

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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