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

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The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office at MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 48.782 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing LoC No.70 of 220 KV Malkangiri – Balimela Transmission line to existing 220/33 KV Grid S/S Khairput, Gobindapalli under Malkangiri Forest Division in Malkangiri District by OPTCL, EHT Construction Division, Jeypore, Odisha -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar's letter no. 5-ORA487/2021-BHU dated 06.09.2024 on above subject and submitted the reply of the Ministry's letter dated 29.08.2024. In this regard it is informed that a similar format of SIR is being used by all the Regional offices and the observations of this office were not related to the format of the SIR. The Regional Office was asked to submit the SIR based on observations in the field.

In view of the above, the Regional Office Bhubneshwar is again requested to do the needful as requested earlier vide letter dated 29.08.2024.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forests