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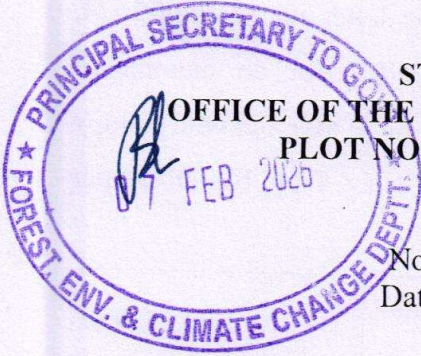
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To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur

Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 13.725 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV LILO Transmission line project from existing 132 KV Mohana- Digapahandi SC line to proposed 132/33 KV Grid Station, R. Udayagiri Tahasil of Gajapati District of Odisha under Paralakhemundi Forest Division by M/s OPTCL, Berhampur – Modified Stage-I compliance regarding.

Ref:- Modified Stage-I approval order F.No.5-ORC391/2019-BHU dated 25.01.2024 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar have accorded Modified Stage-I or In-principle approval order F.No. 5-ORC391/2019-BHU dated 25.01.2024 for diversion of 13.725 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV LILO Transmission line project from existing 132 KV Mohana-Digapahandi SC line to proposed 132/33 KV Grid Station, R. Udayagiri Tahasil of Gajapati District of Odisha under Paralakhemundi Forest Division by M/s OPTCL, Berhampur under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakhsan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 subject to fulfillment of 14 nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land and 24 nos. after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department stipulated therein. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division and the RCCF, Berhampur Circle are as follows:-

A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

Condition No.(i):- The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 13.725 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division vide his letter no 1217/4F-2024, dated 28.02.2024 has demanded the differential amount of NPV for an amount of ₹ 51,00,693/- towards NPV of 13.725 Ha of Forest Land proposed to be diverted with canopy density of 0.4 eco-value Class-III @ ₹ 11,16,900/- per Ha (13.725 Ha × ₹ 11, 16, 900.00 per Ha = ₹ 1, 53, 29, 453/-).

Deposited earlier towards cost of NPV of 14.012 Ha @ ₹ 7,30,000/- per Ha × 14.012 Ha	₹ 1,02,28,760/-
As per new Rate NPV to be paid of 13.725 Ha @ ₹ 11,16,900 per Ha × 13.725 Ha	₹ 1,53,29,453/-
Balance Amount to be deposited by the UA	₹ 51,00,693/-

As per the demand note received from the DFO, Paralakhemundi Division for NPV of the Forest Land being diverted, balance amount of ₹ 51,00,693/- has already been deposited to adhoc CAMPA vide challan A/c No: 150826425459002 dated 16.05.2024, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru. In proof of payment the Demand Letter of the DFO and payment particulars made by the UA etc are enclosed as **Annexure-1 (Series)**.

Condition No.(ii):- Penal C.A. five (5) times to the extent of forest land use for non-forest activities for violation of FC Act, 1980 shall be carried out by the State Govt. at the project cost.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that as per the approved financial outlay of the Penal Compensatory Afforestation scheme over 52 ha identified degraded forest land in Chandragiri Reserved Forest under Chandragiri Range of Paralakhemundi Division against this project was approved vide Memo No.13360 dated 06.07.2024 of the PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act). The DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division has raised demand to the UA for deposit of the approved Penal CA amount vide his Memo No.3871 dated 06.07.2024 for an amount of Rs.1,63,55,500/-. Accordingly, the UA has also deposited the said amount into adhoc CAMPA vide challan A/c No: 150826425459221 dated 29.07.2024, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru. In proof of payment the approved financial outlay of the PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act), the Demand Letter of the DFO and payment particulars made by the UA etc are enclosed as **Annexure-2 (Series)**.

Condition No.(iii):- The State Govt. shall realize Penal NPV of Five (5) times of NPV from the user agency for violation of FC Act, 1980.

Compliance: In compliance to above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division has issued demand note against the UA vide his letter no.2342/4F-2024, dated 03.05.2024 for payment of ₹ 3,22,85,896/- towards cost of 5 times of the NPV with simple interest @12% which has been calculated by him.

Accordingly, the User Agency has deposited the said amount to adhoc CAMPA account A/c No: 150826425459002, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru vide challan dated 16.05.2024. In proof of payment the Demand Letter of the DFO vide his Memo No.2342 dated 03.05.2024 and payment particulars made by the UA etc are enclosed as **Annexure-3 (A) Series**. The total amount deposited is Rs.3,73,86,590/- out of which Penal NPV amount is Rs.3,22,85,896/- and differential cost of NPV amount is Rs.51,00,693/-.

As per the Audit inspection report of the Accountant General Audit reference no.OBS-1737768 held on December, 2024 regarding short realisation of Penal NPV amount, the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division has further demanded the differential amount of Rs.2,72,82,178/- against the UA (short realisation of NPV amount) vide his letter No.970 dated 07.02.2025. The said amount has been deposited by user agency to adhoc CAMPA A/c No: 150826425459124, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru vide challan dated 21.02.2025. In proof of payment, the Demand Letter of the DFO vide his Letter No.545 dated 23.01.2025, audit report and payment particulars made by the UA etc are enclosed as **Annexure-3 (B) Series**.

Details payment made as follows:

Penal NPV value of 10.356 Ha of Forest Land under Violation @ ₹ 11,16,900/- per Ha ($\text{₹ } 11,16,900.00 \text{ per Ha} \times 10.356 \text{ Ha} \times 5 \text{ Years}$) as per audit calculation	₹ 5,78,33,082/-
Simple Interest @12% till the deposit is made from the date of demand (3 Months) $\{(\text{₹ } 5,78,33,082 \times 12\%) / 12 \times 3\}$	₹ 17,34,992/-
Total Amount of Penal NPV Amount and Interest recoverable	₹ 5,95,68,074/-

Condition No.(iv):- *The State Govt. will intimate disciplinary action against the official concerned for not being able to prevent use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without prior approval of Govt. of India.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the violation has been committed over the revenue forest land. For initiating disciplinary action against the official concerned, the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division has intimated the fact to the Collector & District Magistrate, Gajapati District vide his letter No.6899 dated 30.12.2023 with a reminder vide his letter No.7456 dated 11.12.2025 for taking action against the concerned revenue officials responsible to prevent the use of revenue forest land for non-forestry purpose without prior approval of Govt. of India which are enclosed as **Annexure-4 Series**.

Condition No.(v):- *The State Govt. will initiate suitable action against the concerned offender.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that M/s OPTCL has initiated departmental action against the following officers as per Clause-29 (5) (b) of GRIDCO Officers Service Regulation adopted by OPTCL vide letters under reference, during whose tenure the violation has taken place. 1. Biswa Ranjan Mishra, EX-DGM (EI), EHT (Const.) Division, Berhampur, 2. Sri Dillip Kumar Mohanty, DGM (EI), EHT (Const.) Division, Berhampur 3. Sri Satya Narayan Patra. DGM (EI), Infocity-II Grid S/s, Bhubaneswar and the same has been communicated to the Nodal officer, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha Bhubaneswar vide their Letter No.47/MD dated 12.07.2022 of the Managing Director, M/s. OPTCL, Bhubaneswar, which is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.

Condition No.(vi):- *The user agency responsible for violation shall be prosecuted under relevant local Act of the State and/or Central Act for unauthorized use of forest land without the permission of State authority.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the Collector & District Magistrate, Gajapati has been requested to initiate suitable disciplinary action against the user agency (M/s OPTCL) responsible for violation who shall be prosecuted under relevant local Act of the State and/or Central Act for unauthorized use of revenue forest land for non-forestry work without the permission of competent authority vide office Letter No.6903 dated 30.12.2023 & Letter No.7452 dated 11.12.2025 of the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-6 Series**.

Condition No.(vii):- *The land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation / Penal Compensatory Afforestation shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the Degraded Forest Land for raising of CA over an area of 36.00 Ha Identified in Manikpur UDPF under R. Udayagiri Range of Paralakhemundi Forest Division in Gajapati District is depicted on SoI Toposheet No.E45A4 in 1:50,000 scale and the DGPS surveyed ORSAC vetted cadastral map showing the CA land identified in Manikpur UDPF area etc are enclosed as **Plate-2 and 1** respectively which are enclosed in **separate folder**.

For raising of Penal CA, degraded forest land over 52 ha identified in Chandragiri Reserved Forest area under Chandragiri Range of Paralakhemundi Forest Division in Gajapati district has been super imposed on SoI Toposheet No.E45A7 in 1:50,000 scale which is enclosed as **Plate No.3 in separate folder**.

Condition No.(viii):- *The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA & Penal CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO,

Paralakhemundi Forest Division that the KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA & Penal CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, which is enclosed as **Annexure-7**.

Condition No.(ix):- *The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation / Penal compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that earlier the CA scheme had been approved @333/- per MD for an amount of Rs.1,01,62,600/- sanctioned vide letter No.22741 dated 09.11.2022 of the PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act). Similarly, after revision of wage rate @450/- MD. The revised CA scheme has been approved for an amount of Rs.1,08,63,700/- vide Memo No.7897 dated 10.04.2024 and No.10169 dated 16.05.2024 of the PCCF FD & NO, FC Act. Accordingly, the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division vide his letter No.2638/4F-2024, dated 20.05.2024 has demanded the differential amount of CA amounting of ₹ 7,01,100/- from the UA. In proof of payment, the Demand Letter of the DFO, Letter No.545 dated 23.01.2025 of the DFO, Paralakhemundi Division, audit report and payment particulars made by the UA etc are enclosed as **Annexure-3 (B) Series**.

Funds already deposited for Compensatory Afforestation Scheme for 36.00 Ha @ ₹ 1, 01, 62, 600/- as per old rate @333/- per MD	₹ 1, 01, 62, 600/-
As per new rate @450/- per MD Compensatory Afforestation Scheme Amount to be deposited over 36.00 Ha	₹ 1, 08, 63, 700/-
Balance Amount to be deposited for CA	₹ 7, 01, 100/-

An amount of ₹ 7, 01, 100/- has already been deposited by the UA in State CAMPA A/c No: 150826425459684, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru vide challan dated 12.07.2024 for an amount of Rs.15,97,295/- which includes balance CA amount of Rs.7,01,100 + differential amount of dwarf tree plantation of Rs.8,96,195/-. In proof of payment, the approved financial outlay of the CA scheme, the demand letter of the DFO vide his Letter No.2638 dated 20.05.2024 and the payment particulars made by the UA etc are enclosed as **Annexure-8 Series**.

Condition No.(x):- *The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal species) in right of way under the transmission line, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme by the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that M/s OPTCL in consultation with the Office of DFO, Paralakhemundi Division has prepared a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of dwarf species (preferably

medicinal species) in the right of way under the transmission line, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme by the State Forest Department. The said scheme has been technically approved by the RCCF, Berhampur Circle. The DFO, Paralakhemundi Division has demanded the cost of raising the dwarf species plantation vide his letter no.2417/4F-2024, dated 08.05.2024 for an amount ₹8,96,195/- towards differential amount of Dwarf tree plantation.

Funds earlier deposited by the UA for Dwarf tree plantation Scheme for 5.62 Ha @ ₹30,87,800/- as per old rate during Stage-I compliance	₹ 30,87,800/-
As per new rate during modified Stage-I compliance for Dwarf tree plantation Scheme amount to be deposited over 14.012 Ha	₹ 39,83,995/-
Balance Amount to be deposited for Dwarf tree plantation Scheme	₹ 8,96,195/-

An amount of ₹ 8,96,195/- has been deposited by the UA to State CAMPA account A/c No:150826425459684, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru vide challan dated 12.07.2024. In proof of payment the demand letter of the DFO and the payment particulars made by the UA etc are enclosed as **Annexure-9 Series.**

Condition No.(xi):- All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited all Compensatory levies into the State CAMPA Account which has been reflected by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division in 12 Point CAMPA Format duly signed by him and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) which is enclosed as **Annexure-10.**

Condition No.(xii):- The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the compliance report of the Stage-I approval will be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) after necessary verification.

Condition No.(xiii):- The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that no Objection Certificate (NOC) has been issued under FRA, 2006 by the Collector and District Magistrate, Gajapati District vide his letter no. 411, dated 06.02.2025. Copy of the letter is enclosed as **Annexure-11.**

Condition No.(xiv):- *The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the boundary of the forest land to be diverted has been demarcated in the field by posting 4 feet height RCC pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates. The copy of the DGPS surveyed and ORSAC vetted Index Map of forest land proposed for diversion of this project, is enclosed as **Plate No.4 kept in separate folder**. Also the GPS co-ordinates, pillar to pillar distance with Sl. No. etc. of the boundary pillars posted around the forest land proposed to be diverted has been submitted by the User agency which are enclosed as **Annexure-11 A Series**.

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.

Condition No.(i):- *The legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that the legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged, which is enclosed as **Annexure-12**.

Condition No.(ii):- *Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 36.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Manikpur UDPF under R. Udayagiri Range of Paralakhemundi Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the Compensatory Afforestation area over 36.00 Ha which has been identified in Manikapur UDPF under R. Udayagiri Range of Paralakhemundi Forest Division and the CA Scheme has been approved vide memo No. 7897/9F (ET)-381/2018, dated 10.04.2024 of the PCCF, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act. The Plantation will be taken up by Divisional Forest Officer, Paralakhemundi Division. The copy of approved financial outlay of the CA scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-13**.

Condition No.(iii):- *Penal Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over five (5) times to the extent of forest land use for non-forest activities for violation of FC Act, 1980 shall be carried out by the State Govt. within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the Penal Compensatory Afforestation area over 52.00 Ha as has been identified in Chandragiri

Reserved Forest under Chandragiri Range of Paralakhemundi Forest Division and the PCA Scheme has been approved vide Memo No. 13360/9F (ET) 38/2018 dated 06.07.2024 by the PCCF, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act. The Plantation will be taken up by Divisional Forest Officer, Paralakhemundi Division. The copy of such approved financial outlay of the PCA scheme is enclosed as **Annexure-14**.

Condition No.(iv):- The species to be planted under C.A. Scheme/Penal C.A. Scheme shall be indigenous to the area and naturally growing species shall be planted using intensive planting technique to ensure survival of the plantation. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that they will abide by the above condition, which is enclosed as **Annexure-15**.

Condition No.(v):- At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that at the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, they shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, which is enclosed as **Annexure-16**.

Condition No.(vi):- The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that environmental clearance is not applicable for this linear project as per provision of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, which is enclosed as **Annexure-17**.

Condition No.(vii):- The base of towers in forest area to be fenced with barbed wire to avoid elephant electrocution/death of wild animals especially in forest areas. The concerned DFO shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be fenced along with the leg of the towers.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that the base of towers in forest area shall be fenced with barbed wire to avoid elephant electrocution/death of wild animals especially in forest areas.

The concerned DFO shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be fenced along the leg of the towers, which is enclosed as **Annexure-18**.

Condition No.(viii):- In hilly slope areas, sufficient ground clearance has to be maintained with additional height of towers in consideration of the sag and swing of lines and height of elephants to stop untoward incidence of electrocution as per existing guidelines of MoEF & CC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that in hilly slope areas, sufficient ground clearance shall be maintained with additional height of towers in consideration of the sag and swing of lines and height of elephants to stop untoward incidence of electrocution as per existing guidelines of MoEF & CC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014, which is enclosed as **Annexure-19**.

Condition No.(ix):- The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency was allowed to install the bird deflectors and fence the base towers (coming under forest area) for the 132KV LILO transmission line project from existing 132 KV Mohana - Digapahandi SC line to proposed 132/33 KV Grid Station, R.Udayagiri Tahasil of Gajapati District of Odisha. as part of compliance to In-Principal Approval of the above project vide Letter No.1862, on dated 19.03.2025 of the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division and the installation of the same have been completed as reported by the User Agency vide their Letter No.182 (4) dated 19.04.2025.

In Compliance to the above, the Necessary undertaking has also been furnished by the UA duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-20 (Series)**.

Condition No.(x):- The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that they shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department, which is enclosed as **Annexure-21**.

Condition No.(xi):- The user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that they shall comply with the guidelines for laying of transmission lines through forest areas as issued by the Ministry vide their letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014, which is enclosed as **Annexure-22**.

Condition No.(xii):- *The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that environmental clearance is not applicable for this linear project as per provision of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, which is enclosed as **Annexure-23**. M/s OPTCL has submitted that Environmental Clearance is not necessary for the transmission line because transmission line is not coming under any category of projects under EIA Notification 2006. The copy of document supporting exemption of transmission line is enclosed as **Annexure-24**.

Condition No.(xiii):-*No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas, which is enclosed as **Annexure-25**.

Condition No.(xiv):-*No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work, which is enclosed as **Annexure-26**.

Condition No.(xv):-*The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that while executing works, they shall not fell any tree or damage any forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner, which is enclosed as **Annexure-27**.

Condition No.(xvi):- *The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that the layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, which is enclosed as **Annexure-28**.

Condition No.(xvii):- *The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal, which is enclosed as **Annexure-29**.

Condition No.(xviii):- *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, which is enclosed as **Annexure-30**.

Condition No.(xix):- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused, which is enclosed as **Annexure-31**.

Condition No.(xx):- *The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that he himself as well as all the local field official will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area, which is enclosed as **Annexure-32**.

Condition No.(xxi):- *The user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that they shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry by the end of March every year, which is enclosed as **Annexure-33**.

Condition No.(xxii):- *Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by them, which is enclosed as **Annexure-34**.

Condition No.(xxiii):- *The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that the State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project, which is enclosed as **Annexure-35**.

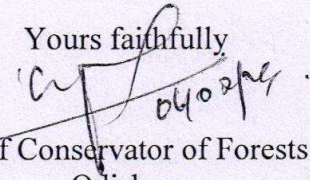
Condition No.(xxiv):- *Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.16 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 vide Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division that violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and action would be taken against them as prescribed in Para 1.16 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 vide Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023, which is enclosed as **Annexure-36**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 13.725 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV LILO Transmission line project from existing 132 KV Mohana- Digapahandi SC line to proposed 132/33 KV Grid Station, R. Udayagiri Tahasil of Gajapati District of Odisha under Paralakhemundi Forest Division by M/s OPTCL, Berhampur under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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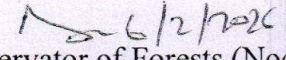
Yours faithfully


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF
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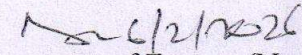
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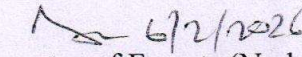
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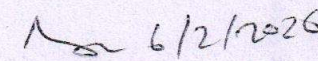
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Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)