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To

The Inspector General of Forests (FC)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division)
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Sub: Diversion of 30.469 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 Dy. General Manager (Elect) EHT Construction Division OPTCL, Angul Odisha – Submission of Stage-I compliance-reg.

Ref:- Letter F. No.5-ORC592/2023-BHU dated 27.11.2024 of Govt. of India, MoEF& CC, New Delhi

Sir,

In reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi have accorded '**Stage-I or In-principle**' approval vide Letter F. No.5-ORC592/2023-BHU dated 27.11.2024 for seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of OPTCL for diversion of 30.469 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 Dy. General Manager (Elect) EHT Construction Division OPTCL, Angul Odisha subject to fulfillment of 30 nos. of conditions imposed therein. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Phulbani and Boudh Forest Division and RCCF, Berhampur Circle are as follows:-

Condition No.1:- *The legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged which are enclosed at **Annexure-I (Boudh Division) and Annexure-1 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.2:- Compensatory Afforestation

Condition No.(i):- *Compensatory Afforestation over degraded forest land, double in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. 61.00 ha, shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost as per applicable guidelines;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that compensatory afforestation over 61.00 Ha. of degraded forest land in Bankud RF of Patnagarh Range of Balangir Forest Division shall be taken up by the Divisional Forest Officer, Balangir Forest Division upon allotment. The approved financial outlay of the Compensatory Afforestation are enclosed as **Annexure-II (Boudh Division) and Annexure-2 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.(ii):- *The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.3,24,87,895/- (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Four Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Only) in ORISSA CAMPA Fund, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Tower, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027 vide UTR No. X6224433 dt. 23.09.2025 which has been reflected in the web-portal of PARIVESH.

The Demand Notice and Payment Challan are enclosed as **Annexure-III (A) & Annexure – III (B) (Boudh Division) & Annexure-3 Series (Phulbani Division)** respectively.

Condition No.(iii):-*The cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the identified CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the UA has already deposited an amount of Rs.3,24,87,895/- in the State CAMPA Account for taking up CA plantation of indigenous species over an area of 61.00 ha of degraded forest land in Bankud RF alongwith survey demarcation and erection of permanent pillars. The approved financial outlay of the Compensatory Afforestation is enclosed as **Annexure-4 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.3:- NPV

Condition No.(i):-*User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the 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. 5-3/2007-FC dated 06.01.2022 read with 22.03.2022 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the DFO, Boudh Forest Division vide letter No. 2196/4F-205/2025, dated 06.05.2025 has demanded an amount of Rs. 1,04,45,549/- towards NPV of 10.906 Ha. of Forest land with canopy density of 0.01 Eco-value class-III @ Rs. 9,57,780/- per Ha. (10.906 Ha. x Rs. 9,57,780/- per Ha. Rs. 1,04,45,549/-)

An amount of Rs. 1,04,45,549/- has already been deposited into adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c No. 1508264149711649, Union Bank of India, FCS centre, 21/1, III floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengalure on 04.07.2025. Copy of the demand letter challan and transaction ID- W41022238 are enclosed as an **Annexure-5 (Series) (Boudh Division)**.

In compliance to the above, the DFO, Phulbani Forest Division vide letter No. 2272/4F-25 dated 22.05.2025 has demanded an amount of Rs. 2,81,05,576/-towards NPV of 19.563 Ha. of forest land with canopy density of 0.4-07 Eco-value class-I @ Rs. 14,36,670/- per Ha. (19.563 Ha. x Rs. 14,36,670/- per Ha. = Rs. 2,81,05,576/-)

An amount of Rs. 2,81,05,576/- has already been deposited to adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c No.1508264149711583, Union Bank of India, FCS centre, 21/ 1, III floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengalure on 31.05.2025. Copy of the demand letter. challan and transaction ID-W83501874 are enclosed as an **Annexure-6 (Series) (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.(ii):-*At the time of payment Net Present Value (NPV) at the present 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 above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that 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 are enclosed at **Annexure-V (Boudh Division) and Annexure-7 Series (Phulbani Diviison)**.

Condition No.4:-*Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-payment module on PARIVESH portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>), into the account of CAMPA of the State concerned, managed by the National Authority (CAMPA);*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the DFO, Boudh Forest Division vide letter no. 4935/4F-251/2025, dated 15.09.2025 has demanded an amount of Rs.3,24,87,895/- towards amount of CA. An amount of Rs.3,24,87,895/- has already been deposited to adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c No: 1508264149711773, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru on 23.09.2025. The copy of the demand letter, Challan and Transaction Id.X6224433 is enclosed as an **Annexure - 3 (Series)**.

The DFO, Phulbani Forest Division vide letter no. 2272/4F-25, dated 22.05.2025 has demanded an amount of Rs.2, 81, 05, 576/- towards NPV of 19.563 Ha of Forest Land with canopy density of 0.4-0.7 eco-value Class-1 @ Rs. 14, 36, 670/- per Ha (19.563 Ha X Rs.14,36,670/- per Ha Rs. 2, 81, 05, 576/-)

An amount of Rs.2,81,05,576/- has already been deposited in adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c No: 1508264149711583, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru on 31.05.2025. Copy of the Demand Letter, Challan and Transaction Id. W83501874 is enclosed as an **Annexure - 6 (Series) (Phulbani Division)**.

The DFO, Phulbani Forest Division has issued demand note vide his letter no. 2272/4F-25, dated 22.05.2025 has demanded an amount of Rs. 3, 07, 09, 813/- towards Penal NPV, which has been deposited by user agency into adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c- No: 1508264149711583, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru on 31.05.2025. Copy of the Demand Letter, Challan and Transaction Id. W83501874 is enclosed as **Annexure-9 (Series) (Phulbani Division)**.

The DFO, Phulbani Forest Division has prepared a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of dwarf species (preferably medicinal species) in right of way under the transmission line. The same has been technically approved by the RCCF Berhampur Circle. DFO, Phulbani Forest Division has demanded the cost of dwarf species plantation vide his letter no. 2272/4F-25, dated 22.05.2025 for an amount Rs.4, 12,74,396/- towards amount of Dwarf species tree plantation.

An amount of Rs.4,12,74,396/- has been deposited to adhoc CAMPA vide challan in A/c No: 1508264149711583, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru on 31.05.2025. Copy of the Demand Letter, Challan and Transaction Id. W83501874 is enclosed as **Annexure - 9 (Series) (Phulbani Division)**.

The 12 Point CAMPA format showing the deposit of all compensatory levies duly signed by the DFO, Boudh and Phulbani Forest Division and countersigned by the PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) is enclosed as **Annexure-VI (Boudh Division) and Annexure-37 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.5:- The KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to 'Final' approval.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-VII (Boudh Division) and Annexure-7 (Phulbani Division).**

Condition No.6:- The State Govt. shall take action against the erring official under section 3A/3B of the Adhinyam.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that show cause notice has been issued to the erring official i.e. Sri Prafulla Kumar Pati, Ex-DGM (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, Angul vide letter no. 6996 dt. 19.11.2023 for violation of Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. **(Enclosed as Annexure-VIII (A) (Boudh Division).** The collector and District Magistrate, Boudh has been requested to initiate action against the erring official as per prevailing Acts & Rules vide letter no. 7000 dt. 19.11.2023 **(Enclosed as Annexure-VIII (B) (Boudh Division).** Subsequently, the Tahasildar, Boudh Tahasil and Tahasildar, Harabhanga Tahasil have initiated encroachment cases against the erring official i.e. Sri Prafulla Kumar Pati, Ex-DGM (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, Angul under Odisha Prevention of Land Encroachment Act, 1972. Details of encroachment cases submitted by the User Agency are enclosed as **Annexure – VIII(C) (Boudh Division).**

Condition No.7:- The State Govt. shall realize Penal NPV of forest land per ha per each year of violation from the date of actual diversion as reported by the inspecting officer with maximum up to 5 times the NPV plus 12% simple interest from the date of raising of such demand till the deposit is made.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the DFO, Boudh Forest Division has issued demand notice vide letter No. 2196/4F-205/2025 dated 06.05.2025 for an amount of Rs.1,87,18,423/- towards penal NPV, which has been deposited by User Agency into adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c No. 15082644149711649, Union Bank of India, FCS centre, 21/1, III floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru on 04.07.2025. The demand notice and payment challan are enclosed as **Annexure-IV(A) & IV(B) (Boudh Division).**

The DFO, Phulbani Forest Division has issued demand notice vide letter No.2272/4F-25 dated 22.05.2025 for an amount of Rs.3,07,09,813/- towards penal NPV, which has been deposited by User Agency into adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c No. 1508264149711583, Union Bank of India, FCS centre, 21/1, III floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission

Road, Bengaluru on 31.05.2025. The copy of the demand letter, challan are enclosed as **Annexure-9 (Series) (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.8:- The matter regarding imposition of penal CA is under consideration for the formulation of a uniform policy guideline in the matter. Keeping this in view, the imposition of penal CA (if any) shall be as per the said guideline, if issued.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition, which are enclosed at **Annexure-IX (Boudh Division) and Annexure-10 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.9:- The State Govt. shall determine the exact area under the violation at the time of the submission of the compliance and accordingly the penal NPV shall also be deposited.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the DFO, Phulbani Forest Division has issued demand notice vide letter no.2272/4F-25, dated 22.05.2025 for amount of Rs.3,07,09,813/- towards Penal NPV, which has been deposited by user agency to adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c- No: 1508264149711583, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru on 31.05.2025. The copy of the Demand Letter, Challan and Transaction Id. W83501874 is enclosed as **Annexure-9 (Series) (Phulbani Division)**. The DFO, Boudh Forest Division has reported that 10.906 ha is the exact area under the violation and the UA has been deposited the cost of Penal NPV. The detailed of the demand letter and deposit particular are enclosed as **Annexure-IV(A) & IV(B) (Boudh Division)**.

Condition No.10:- The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 27 mtrs;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that the maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 27 mtrs which are enclosed at **Annexure-X (Boudh Division) and Annexure-11 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.11:- The User agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by the Ministry;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by the Ministry which are enclosed at **Annexure-XI (Boudh Division) and Annexure-12 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.12:- *The user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintaining necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals, which are enclosed at **Annexure-XII (Boudh Division) and Annexure-13 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.13:- *No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition, which are enclosed at **Annexure-XIII (Boudh Division) and Annexure-14 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.14:- *To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line, user agency shall comply with the following guidelines:*

Condition No.(i):- *Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 mts. would be permitted for carrying the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition, which are enclosed at **Annexure-XIV (Boudh Division) and Annexure-15 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.(ii):- *One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line.*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line, which are enclosed at **Annexure-XV(Boudh Division) and Annexure-16 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.(iii):- *In the remaining width the right of way felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance, trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining the minimum 4.6 meter clearance between conductors and trees. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XVI (Boudh Division) and Annexure-17 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.(iv):- User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department; and

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that M/s OPTCL in consultation with the Office of DFO, Boudh Forest Division has prepared a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of dwarf f 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. The same has been technically approved by the Office of RCCF, Berhampur Circle, DFO, Boudh Forest Division over an area of 10.906 Ha of forest land and demanded the cost of dwarf species plantation vide letter no. 2196/4F-250/2025, dated 06.05.2025 for an amount Rs. 2,28,09,915/- .

An amount of Rs.2,28,09,915/- has been deposited to adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c No: 15082644149711649, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru. The copy of the Demand letter, Challan and Transaction ID-W41022238 is enclosed as an **Annexure-18 (Phulbani Division)**.

M/s OPTCL in consultation with the Office of DFO, Phulbani Forest Division has prepared a detail scheme for creation and maintenance 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. The same has been technically approved by the Office of RCCF, Berhampur Circle, DFO, Phulbani Forest Division over an area of 19.563 Ha. of forest land has demanded the cost of dwarf species plantation vide his letter No. 2272/4F-25, dated 22.05.2025 for an amount Rs.4,12,74,396/- towards amount of Dwarf species tree plantation.

An amount of Rs.4,12,74,396/- has been deposited into adhoc CAMPA account vide challan in A/c No.1508264149711583, Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelltta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru. Copy of the demand letter, Challan and Transaction ID-W83501874 is enclosed as an **Annexure-19 (Series) (Phulbani Division)**.

The approved scheme for plantation of dwarf species, demand notice & Payment Challan are enclosed as **Annexure-XVII, Annexure-IV(A) & IV(B) respectively (Boudh Division)**.

Condition No.(v):- In case a portion of the transmission lines to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XVIII (Boudh Division) and Annexure-20 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.15:- *The user agency will ensure that all the compensations, as per the norms and rules of the State Government to the affected persons shall be paid prior to handing over of forest land to the user agency;*

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XIX (Boudh Division) and Annexure-21 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.16:- *User agency will ensure that forest area nearby shall not be encroached upon due to implementation of the project;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XX (Boudh Division) and Annexure-22 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.17:- *The State Government shall ensure that the minimum number of trees/plants/poles in any case not more than mentioned in the applied forest area will be removed and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XXI (Boudh Division) and Annexure-23 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.18:- *The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the DGM, (E) EHT (Project) Division, Angul has deposited an amount of Rs.1,85,60,021/- after deduction of 2% TDS from the estimated amount of Rs.1,88,80,022/- vide Cheque No.166034 dated 03.12.2025 in the account of D.M, OFDC Ltd, Boudh bearing A/c No.43116891032, SBI, Boudh vide Letter No.7298 dated 04.12.2025. **(Copy enclosed as Annexure-24) (Phulbani Division)**.

In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh Division that they will abide by the above condition which is enclosed at **Annexure-XXII (Boudh Division)**.

Condition No.19:- The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation 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 above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XXIII (Boudh Division) and Annexure-25 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.20:- The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the DFO, Phulbani Forest Division has given an undertaking that environmental clearance as per the provisions of Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 is not applicable for this linear project which is enclosed as **Annexure-26 & 26 A(Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.21:- The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence, in accordance with the Rule 11 (7) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023;

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted the FRA Certificate issued by the Collector & District Magistrate, Boudh vide order no.785 dt. 19.04.2024, which is enclosed as **Annexure-XXIV (Boudh Division)**.

NOC under FRA, 2006 Certificate issued by Collector and District Magistrate, Kandhamal District vide his letter No. 2295, dated 29.12.2021, is enclosed as **Annexure-28 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.22:- No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the laborers 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 above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XXV(Boudh Division) and Annexure-29 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.23:- 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 the Central Government.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani

Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XXVI (Boudh Division)** and **Annexure-30 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.24:- *The State Govt. shall implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF&CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that R&R Plan is not required as there is no resettlement involved in the said project. The User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which is enclosed **Annexure-31 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.25:- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused which are enclosed at **Annexure-XXVII (Boudh Division)** and **Annexure-32 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.26:- *Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XXVIII (Boudh Division)** and **Annexure-33 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.27:- *The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) & NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition which are enclosed at **Annexure-XXIX (Boudh Division)** and **Annexure-34 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.28:- *Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.16 of

Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 vide Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023, which are enclosed at **Annexure-XXX (Boudh Division) and Annexure-35 (Phulbani Division)**.

Condition No.29:- *The user agency shall submit annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertakings duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh & Phulbani Division that they will abide by the above condition, which are enclosed at **Annexure-XXXI (Boudh Division) and Annexure-36 (Phulbani Division)**.

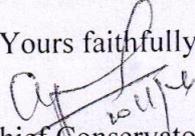
Condition No.30:- *The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has uploaded the compliance report of Stage-I approval in e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). The User Agency has also submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Boudh Division that they will abide by the above condition, which is enclosed at **Annexure-XXXII (Boudh Division)**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi is sent herewith for according final approval of Central Government under Section-2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of OPTCL for diversion of 30.469 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 Dy. General Manager (Elect) EHT Construction Division OPTCL, Angul Odisha.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

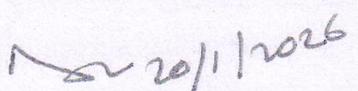
Yours faithfully


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to F. No.5-ORC592/2023-BHU dated 27.11.2024 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi.


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 1485 /Dt. 21.01.2026

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to F. No.5-ORC592/2023-BHU dated 27.11.2024 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF& CC (FC Division), New Delhi.

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Copy forwarded to the DFO, Phulbani / Boudh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.6007 dated 17.12.2025 and Memo No.5914 dated 09.12.2025 of RCCF, Berhampur Circle.

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