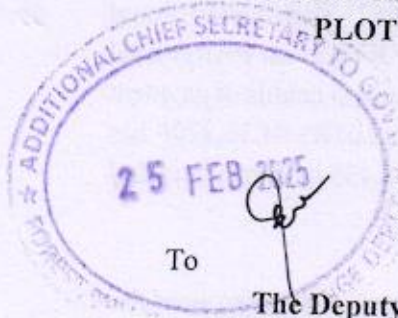




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To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: Diversion of 8.435 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC Transmission line from 400/200 KV PGCIL GRID Substation, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV GRID Substation at Turumunga, Keonjhar by M/S OPTCL.
(Submission of Stage-I Compliance).

Ref:- Stage-I/ In-principle approval dated 14.03.2024 of GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar. ((online proposal No. FP/ OR/ TRANS/153797/2022, State Sl. No.OR/028/2022 dt.08.04.2022).

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar have accorded stage-I/In-principle approval dated. 14.03.2024 for diversion of 8.435 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC Transmission line from 400/200 KV PGCIL GRID Substation, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV GRID Substation at Turumunga, Keonjhar by M/S OPTCL in Keonjhar District, Odisha subject to fulfilment of 30 nos of conditions. The point wise compliance based on the reports of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are furnished as follows:-

2A. 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 8.435 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, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a sum of Rs. 94,21,052/- towards cost of Net Present Value (NPV) over 8.435 ha of forest land proposed to be diverted @ Rs.11,16,900/- per ha (Eco value Class-I, Canopy Density 0.3) as per revised rate fixed by the MoEF & CC, GoI vide their letter F. No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 was demanded to the User Agency by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division vide his letter No.4327

dt.29.05.2024. Accordingly, the user agency has also deposited an amount Rs.94,36,870/- (which includes NPV amount of 8.435 ha of Forest land amounting to Rs.94,21,052/- with cost of Penal NPV amounts to Rs. 15,818/-) in Orissa State CAMPA Account through RTGS on PARIVESH Portal on dated 25.07.2024. The copies of the demand letters of the DFO along with details of payment made through RTGS are enclosed as **Annexure- I & IA**. Thus, a total amount of Rs.94,36,870/- has been deposited by the user agency towards Net Present Value (NPV) over 8.435 ha forest land and Penal NPV calculated involved within the project area.

Condition No. ii. The State Govt. shall realize Penal NPV of five (5) times of the area used for non-forestry activity.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a sum of Rs.15,818/- was demanded on the User Agency towards payment of Penal Net Present Value (PNPV) over 0.00275 ha of forest land used in violation (i.e. @ Rs.11,16,900/- per ha x 0.00275 ha x 5) = Rs.15,357.37 paise or say Rs.15,357/-) including the interest @12% per annum for 3 months = Rs.15,357/- x 12% /12 x3 =Rs.460.71/- or say Rs.461/-. In pursuance of the same, a sum of total Rs.15,818/- has been deposited by the user agency towards cost of Penal NPV. The user agency has also deposited an amount Rs.94,36,870/- (which includes Penal NPV of Rs. 15,818&NPV of 8.435 ha of Forest land amounting to Rs.94,21,052/-) in Orissa State CAMPA Account through RTGS on PARIVESH Portal dated 25.07. 2024. Copies of the demand letters and details of payment made through RTGS along with copy of letter No.420(6) dt.01.08.2024 of the user agency to that effect are enclosed as **Annexure-II & IIA**.

Condition No.iii: The user agency shall transfer the cost of plantation of 100 trees to be planted as Penal Compensatory Afforestation (including 10 years maintenance) at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Plantation Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the scheme for plantation of 100 nos. trees to be planted over 0.08 ha of degraded forest land identified in Belda RF under Keonjhar Range of Keonjhar Division for Penal Compensatory Afforestation (including 10 years of maintenance) has been prepared on one-time cost norm basis approved by the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his O.O. No.1109 dated 08.11.2021 which has been technically approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle with a total financial outlay of Rs. 2,45,800/-. As per demand issued vide Memo No.5856 dated 09.07.2024 of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, the user agency has deposited an amount of total Rs.3,03,02,450/- in Orissa State CAMPA account through RTGS mode on PARIVESH Portal dated 21.08.2024 which includes Rs.1,35,76,200/- towards approved cost of SSWLCP and Rs.1,64,80,450/- towards the approved cost of the scheme for plantation of Dwarf Species and Rs.2,45,800/- towards the approved cost of the scheme for plantation of 100 plants over 0.08 ha. of Penal CA. The copies of the approved plantation scheme over 100 nos. of plants to be planted over 0.08 ha of degraded forest land, demand letters of the DFO along with payments details made are enclosed as **Annexure-III , IIIA & IIIB**.

Further the UA i.e M/s OPTCL has enclosed a statement showing the details of above funds transferred by them vide their letter No.454(6) dt.22.08.2024 which is enclosed as **Annexure-III(C)**

Condition No.iv: The land identified for the purpose of compensatory shall be clearly depicted on a survey of India Topo sheet of 1:50,000 scale.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the degraded forest land over 18.00 ha. identified in Ukhunda RF under Champua Forest Range for the purpose of compensatory afforestation has been clearly depicted on a Survey of India Topo Sheet No.F45N10 (in 1:50,000 scale) and the same has been certified by Competent authorities which is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-IV**.

Condition No.v : The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the KML file of the area proposed to be diverted and the degraded forest land over 18.00 ha. identified in Ukhunda RF under Champua Forest Range for raising of Compensatory Afforestation have already been uploaded on the e-Green watch portal.

Condition No.vi. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the 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, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme prepared over 18.00 ha of degraded forest land identified in Ukhunda RF under Champua Forest Range has been technically approved by the PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act) as per approved one-time cost norm with a total financial outlay of Rs.1,64,74,700/- communicated vide his Memo No.21262 dated 23.10.2024. Accordingly, the demand letter for payment of the cost of CA was issued to the user agency vide letter No.8645 dated 25.10.2024 of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division. The User Agency has also deposited an amount of Rs.1,64,74,700/- in Orissa State CAMPA Account through RTGS on PARIVESH Portal dated 08.11.2024. The compensatory afforestation scheme includes provision for anticipated cost increase for 10 years. Copy of demand letter, details of RTGS slip regarding payment of the above amount made are enclosed as **Annexure-V, VA, VB & VC**.

Condition No.vii: The user agency in consultation with the state forest department shall prepare a detailed scheme of 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, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the scheme for plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal species) in the right of way (RoW) under proposed transmission line over 8.435 ha of forest land was prepared and has been duly approved by the RCCF, Rourkela Circle with a total financial outlay of Rs.1,64,80,450/- . As per the demand raised vide office letter No.5354 dated 09.07.2024 of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, the user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.3,03,02,450/- in Orissa State CAMPA through RTGS mode vide UTR No.UBIN0996335 dated 21.08.2024 which includes Rs.1,35,76,200/- towards approved cost of SSWCP + Rs. 1,64,80,450/- towards approved cost of

Dwarf species + Rs.2,45,800/- towards approved cost for plantation of 100 plants over 0.08 ha. The copies of the approved dwarf species plantation scheme, demand letters of the DFO concerned and payments details are enclosed as **Annexure-VI, VIA & IIIB**.

Condition No.viii: As recommended by the State Govt. a Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan shall be prepared and duly approved by CWLW, Odisha and to be implemented at project cost.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that a Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been technically approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his Memo No.8596 dated 24.07.2024 with a total financial outlay of Rs.135.762 lakhs. As per demand letter issued vide letter No.5868 dated 25.07.2024 of the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division, the user agency has deposited Rs.3,03,02,450/- in Orissa State CAMPA Account through RTGS on PARIVESH Portal dated 21.08.2024 which includes Rs.1,35,76,200/- towards approved cost of SSWCP, Rs.1,64,80,450/- towards approved cost of the dwarf species plantation scheme & Rs.2,45,800/- towards approved cost for plantation of 100 plants over 0.08 ha. The copies of the approved SSWLCP scheme with Memo No.8596 dated 24.07.2024 of the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Odisha, demand letter of the DFO concerned & payment details are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-VII, VIIA & IIIB**.

Condition No.ix: 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, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that all the funds towards demand of the compensatory levies in respect of this project have been deposited in the Orissa State CAMPA Account through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) by the user agency which have been duly furnished by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division in prescribed CAMPA Format which is enclosed as **Annexure-VIIB**.

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

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rorukela Circle has reported that the user agency has intimated that, they have uploaded the Stage-I compliances report on e-portal.

Condition No.xi: 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, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Collector, Keonjhar District has issued Certificate under FRA, 2006 over an area of 8.435 ha of forest land proposed to be diverted and involved in this project vide his letter No.1953/Rev. dated 13.09.2024. The copy of the FRA certificate is enclosed as **Annexure-VIII** with proceedings of all the Gram Sabha, SDLC & DLC meeting thereof.

Condition No.xii: *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 pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that, the boundary of the forest patches proposed for diversion has been demarcated on the ground by erecting 4 feet high RCC pillars. Each pillar has been inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates. The detailed information regarding the GPS coordinates of the boundary pillars posted around 16 patches of forest area and one patch of reserved forest duly countersigned by the DFO concerned with pillar to pillar distance, the index map of the proposed forest area to be diverted for the project duly authenticated by the ORSCA and the photographs of the pillars posted around with 4 feet high RCC pillars are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-IX, IXA & IXB.**

2. 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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "the Legal Status of the forest land will remain unchanged" which is enclosed as SI No.(i) of **Annexure-A.** duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.ii: *Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 18.00 of degraded forest land identified in Ukhunda RF under Champua Range of Keonjhar Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme over 18.00 of degraded forest land identified in Ukhunda RF under Champua Range under Keonjhar Forest Division has been technically approved by the PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act) as per one-time cost norm with a total financial outlay of Rs.1,64,74,700/- vide his Memo No.21262 dated 23.10.2024. Accordingly, demand letter was issued to the user agency vide DFO's office Letter No.8645 dated 25.10.2024. The user agency has also deposited an amount of Rs.1,64,74,700/- in Orissa State CAMPA Account through RTGS on PARIVESH Portal dated 08.11.2024. The compensatory afforestation scheme includes provision for anticipated cost increase for 10 years. Copies of demand letter, details of payment made through RTGS are enclosed as **Annexure-III.** On receipt of funds from State CAMPA, the compensatory afforestation will be raised by the Forest Department within two years from the date of Stage-II clearance and maintenance will be carried out for 10 years as per approved scheme which has been authenticated by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.iii: *The State Govt. shall carry out plantation of 100 plants towards Penal compensatory afforestation within two years from the issue of approval and maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency. The State Govt. shall inform the site of the plantation..*

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the scheme for plantation of 100 nos. trees over 0.08 ha of degraded forest land identified in Belda RF for Penal Compensatory Afforestation (including 10 years maintenance) has been prepared at the wage rate of Rs.450/- per MD in onetime cost norm basis provided by the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar vide his O.O. No.1109 dated 08.11.2021 which has been technically approved with a total financial outlay of Rs. 2,45,800/-. As per demand issued vide DFOs office Memo No.5856 dated 09.07.2024, the user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.3,03,02,450/- in Orissa State CAMPA through RTGS on PARIVESH Portal dated 21.08.2024 which includes Rs.2,45,800/- towards the approved cost of the scheme for plantation of 100 plants over 0.08 ha. On receipt of funds from State CAMPA, the Forest Department will carry out plantation of 100 plants over 0.08 ha of degraded forest land in Belda RF towards Penal compensatory afforestation within two years from the issue of the final approval and maintained thereafter for 10 years as per approved scheme as has been narrated by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.iv: The species to be planted in the CA/Penal CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. 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 at regular intervals.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that 18 months old seedlings of native species has been prescribed in the CA and PCA Scheme with Soil Moisture Conservation and Monitoring Provision. The plantation activities shall be monitored from time to time by the DFO concerned which is enclosed as SI No.(ii) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking at SI No. (iii) of Annexure-A to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.vi: 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 along with the leg of the towers

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking, to that effect, "during execution of work, the base of the towers in forest area will be fenced with barbed wire to avoid elephant electrocution/death of wild animals especially in forest areas. As assured by him, during execution of work, he will inspect the area and decide as to the specific towers which will be fenced with barbed wire which is enclosed as SI No. (iv) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.vii: In hilly slope areas, sufficient ground clearance has to be maintained with additional height of towers in consideration of the leg 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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect "in hilly slope areas, they will maintain sufficient ground clearance 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 SI No. (v) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.viii: 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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect "at the project cost, they shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits" which is enclosed as SI No. (vi) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.ix: The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall be planted alongside the road 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, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "they shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled which shall be planted alongside the road 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 SI No. (vii) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.x: The user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest area issued by ministry vide letter no.7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "they shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest area issued by ministry vide Letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014" which is enclosed as SI No. (viii) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xi: The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1980, if applicable.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that as per EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006, Environmental Clearance is not required for this project as has been narrated by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xii: *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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "no labour camp shall be established by them on the forest land and they 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 SI No. (ix) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xiii: *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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "no additional or new path will be allowed to be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work" which is enclosed as SI No. (x) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xiv: *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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "while executing works they will not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner" which is enclosed as SI No. (xi) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xv: *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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change" which is enclosed as SI No. (xii) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

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

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal", which is enclosed as SI No. (xiii) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xvii: 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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "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 Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change" which is enclosed as SI No. (xvii) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

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

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect, "No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused" which is enclosed as SI No. (xv) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xix: 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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "the DFO will monitor and take necessary Mitigative measures to ensure that, there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding areas of the project. Further, the user agency to cooperate with the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division as and when required to abide by the condition" which is enclosed as SI No. (xvi) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xx: 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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "to submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Regional Office of MoEF & CC, GoI, by the end of March every year" which is enclosed as SI No. (xvii) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xxi: 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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "they will abide by 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" which is enclosed as SI No. (xviii) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xxii: 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 above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "they 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 SI No. (xix) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Condition No.xxiii: Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that the user agency has furnished an undertaking to that effect, "Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019" which is enclosed as SI No. (xx) of Annexure-A duly countersigned by the DFO concerned.

Point wise compliances to all the conditions imposed in Stage-I approval Order of MoEF & CC, Regional Officer, Bhubaneswar letter dated 14.03.2024 for the above project furnished by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division is enclosed as Annexure-B.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 8.435 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC Transmission line from 400/200 KV PGCIL GRID Substation, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV GRID Substation at Turumunga, Keonjhar District by M/S OPTCL in State of Odisha under Section 2 of Van (Sanrankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Encl: Stage-1 Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

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

Memo No.

/Dt.

25.02.2025

Copy alongwith one set of Stage-1 compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Kharvel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Stage-1/In-principle approval dated 14.03.2024 of GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar. ((online proposal No. FP/ OR/ TRANS/153797/2022)

Encl: Stage-1 Compliance in one set

24/2/2025
Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)

Memo No.

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25.02.2025

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 694 dated 13.02.2025.

Memo No.

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Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)
25.02.2025

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 695 dated 13.02.2025 of the RCCF, Rourkela Circle to his address.

Memo No.

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Chief Conservator of Forests(Nodal)
25.02.2025

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