

## भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE Regional Office (WCZ) Ground Floor, East Wing New Secretariat Building Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440001 apccfcentral-ngp-mef@gov.in

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F. No. FC-II/CH-52/2016-NGP / 1223

To

Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Chhattisgarh, Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan, New Raipur (CG).

Sub: Diversion of 19.907 ha of Forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, CSPTCL for laying and construction of 132 KV DCDS Vishrampur - Pratappur Transmission Line in Surajpur District in the State of Chhattisgarh - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-52/2016/10-2 dated 08.12.2016 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office (WCZ) of the MoEF&CC at Nagpur revealed following:

- Part-III of the Form-A does not bear the name of the signing authority. Hard copy of the Part-I submitted along with the proposal has not been signed by the User Agency.
- ii. Detail of area available for plantation of dwarf species, preferably medicinal in the clearance available under the conductor and scheme of plantation has not been provided in the proposal.
- iii. Examination of the compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 revealed that as per the proceedings of the Sub Divisional Level Committee, 6 right holders have been identified in the Revenue Forest Land. Action taken/proposed to be taken towards the settlement of rights may be intimated by the State Government. Further, documentary evidences in support of settlement of rights viz. record of meeting of the Gram Sabha, Sub-Divisional Level Committee have not been uploaded on the website of the MoEF&CC. Original copy of the certificate issued by the District Collector concerned may be submitted by the State Government.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this office for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Charan Jeet Singh Scientist 'C'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur

2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.

3. DCFs, Forest Divisions Dantewada/Bijapur.

4. User Agency.

5. Guard File.

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