



**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF,  
ODISHA, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR**

Memo No.

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Dated, Bhubaneswar the

09th December, 2021

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Bhubaneswar Circle

**Sub:- Diversion of 23.983 ha of Revenue Forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO Line from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTLC under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District**

Ref: Your Memo No.3810 dated 30.09.2021

With reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, this is to inform you that, on scrutiny of the above diversion proposal the following deficiencies are noticed:

1. Canopy density of the forest is neither mentioned in Form-A Part-II nor in Site Inspection Report by the DFO.
2. ORSAC vetted composite DGPS Maps as well as the individual Village Sheet submitted have not been authenticated by the Tahasildar concerned. The detailed land schedule proposed for diversion should invariably be authenticated by the both the DFO and Tahasildar concerned.
3. Certificates from the Tahasildars regarding Kissam of land as on 25.10.1980 not furnished as per direction in Circular No.4822 dated 12.02.2015 of the Chief Secretary Odisha.
4. (i) As per DSS analysis, out of the proposed CA land over 48 ha identified inside Bankamunda RF of Gania Range, MDF area found to be over 6 ha which is not acceptable. Thus, there is a shortfall of 6 ha of CA land to fulfil the criteria of loss of "land-by-land".  
(ii) Moreover, CA scheme submitted for ANR with Gap plantation @ 200 seedlings per ha to be planted. Thus, over balance 42 ha of degraded forest land (excluding 6 ha of MDF area) identified for CA, only 8400 No. of seedlings can be planted.

But as per recent guidelines and clarifications issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 by MoEF & CC, Government of India, the CA scheme to be prepared with 1000 No. of plants per ha of the proposed forest land for diversion. Thus over 23.983 ha or say 24 ha X 1000 = 24000 No. of seedlings to be planted. Hence, there is a shortfall of 15600 No. of seedlings (24000-8400) to fulfill the criteria of loss of "trees-by-trees". Therefore, the

proposed CA site needs to be revisited and CA scheme accordingly be revised over 48 ha of degraded forest land below 0.4 canopy density.

5. The proposed alignment of transmission line appears to pass closure to the boundary of Satakosia Tiger Reserve (Baisipali Reserve Forest). The DFO should re-visit the area and report as to whether the proposed alignment passes through Tiger Reserve/ Sanctuary Area/ Eco-Sensitive Zone. If yes, the UA may be informed accordingly to file proposal for obtaining Wildlife Clearance from NBWL. The documents in support of such application filed online should be enclosed in the DP.

In view of the above, the diversion proposal is returned herewith for re-submission after necessary compliance to the above observations.

Encl: **DP in 3 Sets**

  
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