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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Deptt., Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar - 751 001.

Sub: Diversion of 48.782 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing LoC No.70 of 220 KV Malkangiri - Balimela Transmission line to existing 220/33 KV Grid S/S Khairput, Gobindapalli under Malkangiri Forest Division in Malkangiri District by OPTCL, EHT Construction Division, Jeypore, Odisha.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)94/2021-21137/FE&CC dated 03.12.2021.

Madam,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted the above mentioned proposal to this office seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980. On scrutiny of the proposal following has been observed.

1. The DFO, Malkangiri and RCCF, Koraput in their site inspection reports have reported that the use agency has constructed 4 (four) nos. of Web Towers in Tarlakota PRF proposed to be diverted during 2018-19 and 1 (one) no. of Web Tower in Revenue forest area in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

It is therefore requested to furnish the details and extent of violations, including the name & designation of officials prima facie found guilty and action taken report on the aforesaid violation to this office for further necessary action.

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

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1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for informationand necessary action.

2. The Dy. General Manager (Elect), EHT (Construction) Division, OPTCL, Jeypore-764001, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)