



**STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA**  
**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF**  
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Memo No. **24664** /9F(TRANS)- 390/2023  
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the **06<sup>th</sup>** December, 2024

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Bhawanipatna Circle

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 136.966 ha (94.013 ha in Balliguda Forest division + 42.953 ha in Kalahandi (North) Forest Division) of forest land for construction of 220 KV DC transmission line from existing 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Kesinga, Kalahandi District to proposed 220/32 KV Grid Sub-Station at Sirtiguda in Kandhamal District by OPTCL. – Compliance to Govt. of India's observations regarding.**

Ref: i. No.5-ORA641/2024-BHU dated.24.04.2024 of GoI, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.  
ii. Memo No.7620 dated 27.09.2023 of the DFO,Kalahandi (N) Division and your Memo No.5554 dt.25.11.2024 .

With reference to the memos cited above on the captioned subject, It is to inform that during scrutiny of the point wise compliance report submitted by you on Govt. of India observation pointed out vide their letter under reference the following shortcomings have been noticed.

***Observation –(a) The DFO, Balliguda has reported that violation has been committed by the user agency as per Para 1.21 (ii) of Handbook of FC Act, 1980 issued by Ministry dated.28.03.2019.However, number of towers and extent of the forest area used illegally has not been reorted. AS per DSS analysis, total 66 towers in Balliguda Division have been constructed illegally over forest land. Details joint verification involving forest and revenue officials and total extent of forest land used illegally in Balliguda Division may be submitted.***

As per report of the ADM, Kalahandi District vide his letter No.123 dt.24.01.2024, it is seen that unauthorized electric towers have been constructed by M/s OPTCL on revenue forest land under the control of M.Rampur, Kesinga and Narla Tahasils for which total (6 + 1 + 5= 12 nos) of encroachment cases have been booked by the concerned Tahasildars.


Similarly, from the report submitted by the DFO, Kalahandi (N) Division vide his memo No.7620 dt.27.09.2023 it is found that one forest offence case No.146<sup>MR</sup> of 2023-24 dated.22.08.2023 has been booked against the OPTCL officials for unauthorized construction of 6 nos. of electric towers on notified forest land under your control namely **Taprang RF**.

Taking all the above facts in to consideration and as per above observation of GoI, MoEF & CC, RO, Bhubaneswar, you are requested to please report regarding total nos. of towers which have been constructed unauthorizedly over revenue forest land and notified forest land under Kalahandi (N) Division separately. Detailed joint verification report involving forest and revenue officials may please be submitted indicating total extent of forest

land (Revenue forest and notified forest) used unauthorisedly by M/s OPTCL under Kalahandi (N) Division area. You are requested to submit your report with regards to towers constructed over revenue forest land & notified forest land with extent of forest land involved separately Range wise / Tahasil / wise as per the sample format enclosed herewith.


In view of the above, you are requested to please furnish the compliance report correctly to the above shortcomings noticed by this office immediately alongwith the annexures to be submitted in triplicate for further course of action at this end. Compliance submitted alongwith the enclosures are returned herewith.

Encl: As above.

  
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act


Memo No. 24665 /Dt. 06.12.2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kalahandi (N) Division for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.5555 dated 25.11.2024 of the RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle to his address.

  
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 24666 /Dt. 06.12.2024

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect.)EHT Construction Divison, OPTCL, Berhampur, At-Sanakusasthali, PO-Badakusasthali, Berhampur, Odisha with reference to Memo No.5557 dated 25.11.2024 of the RCCF, Bhawanipatna Circle to his address.

  
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal)