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BOUDH FOREST DIVISION, BOUDH

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Memo No. 556 4F-251/2022 Dt. 30 / 01 / 2024

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Berhampur Circle

Sub: - Diversion of Forest land 30.469 Ha. (Phulbani Division 19.563 Ha. + Boudh Division 10.906 Ha.) for Construction of 132KV DC Line on DC tower from existing 132/33 KV Phulbani Grid Sub-Station in Kandhamal Dist. to 132/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Boudh by Deputy General Manager (Elect.) EHT Construction Division, OPTCL, Angul (Proposal No. FP/OR/TRANS/149711/2021

Ref: - Memo no. 18684 dt. 15.09.2023 of the Conservator of Forests (Nodal),
O/o – The PCCF & HoFF, Odisha to your address

With reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, the point wise compliance of the observation raised by the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is furnished hereunder;

- 1. The state Govt. Shall carry out joint inspection involving forest, revenue and OPTCL officials to ascertain actual number of towers erected along with GPS co-ordinates and extent of forest area used thereon, in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.***

The joint site inspection involving Forest, Revenue and OPTCL officials has been conducted on dt. 26.10.2023 to ascertain the actual number of towers erected on forest land proposed for diversion without prior approval of the competent authority under Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The list of towers with GPS co-ordinates and extent of forest area used thereon is enclosed herewith. **(copy enclosed as Annexure - I)**

Further, it is to mention here that, during the preliminary site inspection 10 (ten) numbers of transmission towers were found to be erected on forest land amounting to violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. However, as per instructions laid in the letter No. 5-ORC592/2023-BHU of Integrated Regional

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Office, Bhubaneswar during the re-verification of the tower locations the Tahsildar, Boudh certified Plot No. 81, Khata No. 15 of Samapaju village as non-forest land, thus bringing down the number of towers to 9 (nine) as mentioned in the **Annexure - I**.


2. Detail action taken report on violation of FC Act, 1980 in both Boudh and Phulbani Division with name and designation of erring officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose may be furnished.

Show cause notice has been issued to Sri Prafulla Kumar Pati, Ex-DGM (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, Angul vide this office letter no. 6996 dt. 19.11.2023 for violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. **(Copy Enclosed as Annexure-II)**.

The collector and District Magistrate, Boudh has been requested to initiate action against the erring official as per the local prevailing laws vide this office letter no. 7000 dt. 19.11.2023. Subsequently, the Tahasildar, Boudh Tahasil and Tahasildar, Harabhanga Tahasil have initiated encroachment cases against the erring official i.e. Sri Prafulla Kumar Pati, Ex-DGM (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, Angul under Odisha Prevention of Land Encroachment Act, 1972 communicated to this office vide letter no. 217 dt. 29.01.2024 and letter no. 292 dt. 16.01.2024 of Tahasildar, Boudh and Tahasildar, Harabhanga Tahasil respectively. **(Copy Enclosed as Annexure - III)**

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.


Encl: As above.


30/01/2024
Divisional Forest Officer
Boudh Division

Memo No. 557

Dt. 30 / 01 / 2024

Copy forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his memo no. 18683 dt. 15.09.2023.



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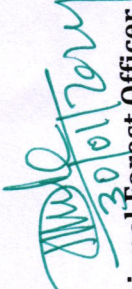
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Dt. 30 / 01 / 2024

Copy to the Deputy General Manager (Elect), EHT (Construction) Division, OPTCL, Angul, Odisha for information and necessary action with reference to memo no. 18685 dt. 15.09.2023 of Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar to his address.


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Location of towers with extent of forest area used thereon						
Sl. No.	Village Name	Khata No.	Plot No.	Area occupied by tower in Sq. Feet	GPS Co-ordinate of towers	
					Latitude	Longitude
1	Basant Bahal	106	501	724.471	20° 47' 8.5"	84° 15' 32.6"
2	Durga Prasad	131	110	1332.931	20° 44' 16.5"	84° 14' 18.2"
3	Durga Prasad	131	143	724.471	20° 47' 5.9"	84° 14' 21"
4	Durga Prasad	131	185	1196.243	20° 43' 55.7"	84° 14' 23.7"
5	Durga Prasad	131	232	724.471	20° 43' 47.1"	84° 14' 24.8"
6	Durga Prasad	131	265	724.471	20° 43' 38.6"	84° 14' 25.9"
7	Durga Prasad	3	42	1647.606	20° 41' 28.9"	84° 14' 59.6"
8	Bhuktapada	6	55	724.471	20° 41' 7.6"	84° 15' 21.6"
9	Bhuktapada	30/49	4	1196.243	20° 41' 0.3"	84° 15' 29"


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Annexure-II

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Letter No. 6996 4F-251/2023 Dt. 19/11/2023

To

Sri Prafulla Kumar Pati,
Ex-DGM (Elect.), EHT (Const.) Division, Angul
(through DGM (Elect.), EHT (Const.) Division, Angul)

Sub:- Diversion of 10.906 Ha. of Forest Land for Construction of 132KV DC Line on DC tower from existing 132/33 KV Phulbani Grid Sub-Station in Kandhamal Dist. to 132/33 KV Grid Sub-station Boudh in Boudh Dist., Odisha – Submission of Show Cause regd.

Sir,

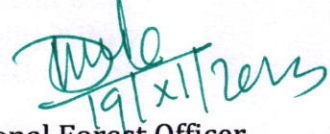
With reference to the subject cited above, during the course of Joint Site Inspection held on dt. 13.04.2023 by the Forest & Revenue officials, it was observed that the towers have been erected with transmission line in Revenue Forest kissam land proposed for diversion without prior approval of the competent authority. Hence, from the circumstantial evidence you have been found prima facie guilty in contravention of section (2) of Forest Conservator of Act, 1980.

The above violation attracts the provisions of Para 1.21 (i) (a) which states "**a. The diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes without the prior approval of the competent authority in the State will be dealt under the provisions of Indian Forest Act 1927 and other State Acts dealing with the conservation of Forests by the State government concerned. The land in question will not be considered as diverted under FCA 1980 and the status of the land shall continue to be forest.**"

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In view of the above, it is asked upon to show cause as to why legal action shall not be taken as per prevailing laws. Your reply should reach this office immediately for taking further course of action at this end.

Yours Sincerely,

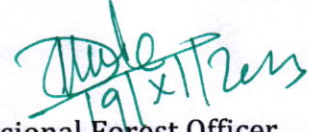


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Boudh Division

Memo No. 6997

Dt. 19 / 11 / 2023

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.




Divisional Forest Officer
Boudh Division.

Memo No. 6998

Dt. 19 / 11 / 2023

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle for favour of kind information and necessary action.



Divisional Forest Officer
Boudh Division.

Memo No. 6999

Dt. 19 / 11 / 2023

Copy to the Dy. General Manager (Elect.), EHT (Const.) Division, Angul for information and necessary action. He is requested to serve a copy of the letter to Prafulla Kumar Pati, Ex-DGM (Elect.), EHT (Const.) Division, Angul with proper acknowledgement. An acknowledgement copy shall be intimated to this office for record.



Divisional Forest Officer
Boudh Division.



OFFICE OF THE TAHASILDAR
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Letter No. 328 // Enc.

Dt. 29-01-24

To

The Collector, Boudh

Sub: Illegally erection of towers with transmission line in Revenue Forest Kissam land by OPTCL-Institution of encroachment case regarding.

Ref: This office Letter No.216 dt.12.01.2024.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the letter on the subject cited above and furnishing herewith the revised report to the letter under reference, I am to intimate that total 6 numbers of Encroachment cases were instituted under OPLE Act, 1972 against the erring official of OPTCL for Illegally erection of towers. Out of the above Enc. Cases, 5 (five) numbers are coming under Forest Kissam Land and 1(one) Enc. Case bearing No.34/24 pertaining to Khata No.15 and Plot No. 81 of Mouza Samapaju is coming under Non Forest land in kissam Atta(AJA).

Sl.No.	Loc. No.	Type of Tower	Plot No.	Khata No.	Village Name	Kissam
1	56	PC	110	131	Durgaprasad	Forest Land
2	57	PA+6	143	131	Durgaprasad	Forest Land
3	58	PB+3	185	131	Durgaprasad	Forest Land
4	59	PA+6	232	131	Durgaprasad	Forest Land
5	60	PA+6	265	131	Durgaprasad	Forest Land
6	93	PB	81	15	Samapaju	Non Forest land

This is for favour of your kind information.

Yours faithfully,

Tahasildar, Boudh

Memo No. 329 // Dt.

29-01-24

Copy submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer, Boudh Forest Division, Boudh for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Tahasildar, Boudh

Memo No. 330 // Dt. 29-01-24

Copy submitted to the Deputy General Manger, EHT(construction) Divisional Angul, OPTCL for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Tahasildar, Boudh



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TAHASILDAR, HARABHANGA,

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Letter No. 291

Date: 16/01/2024

To

The Collector, Boudh

Sub:

Illegally erection of towers with transmission line in Gramya Jungle
Kissam land by OPTCL-Institution of encroachment case regarding.

Sir,


As per marginal order in the Letter No.7000-4F-251/2023 Dt.19.11.2023 of DFO, Forest Division, Boudh, one no. of Encroachment case under OPLE Act, 1972 vide Case No. 4-44/2024 has been instituted against the erring official of OPTCL for Illegally erection of towers with transmission line in Gramya Jungle Kissam Land. Detail of Land Schedule is given below for favour of kind information.

Land Schedule:

Sl No.	Enc. Case No.	Loc. No.	Type of Tower	Plot No.	Khata No.	Village Name
1	4-44/2024	26	PA+6	501	106	Basantabahal

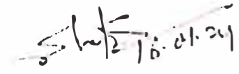
This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


Addl. Tahasildar, Harabhanga,
Charichhak

Memo No. 292 //Date: 16/01/2024

Copy submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division, Boudh for favour of kind information and necessary action.


Addl. Tahasildar, Harabhanga,
Charichhak