

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

Letter No. 23312 /9F (Misc)-321/2017 Dated, Bhubaneswar, the let November, 2017

From:

Dr. Anup Kumar Nayak, IFS, Addl. Principal CCF (FD & NO, FC Act)

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, Government of Odisha.

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 18.5 ha forest area for construction of 220 KV S/C transmission line from Balimela to Malkangiri by OPTCL in Malkangiri district – Proposal No.FP/OR/TRANS/20912/2016.

Ref: Letter No.10F(Cons) 69/2017-10496/F&E dated 18.05.2017 of Special Secretary to Government Forest & Environment Department.

Sir.

In inviting a reference to above cited letter on the captioned subject, the following point-wise compliances on the deficiencies of the diversion proposal observed are furnished below:-

Condition No.(a):-18.5 ha Revenue Forests (Gramya Jungle) has been identified for compensatory afforestation. This is not desirable. Either equivalent extent of non-forest (Government/Private) land or degraded forest land twice in extent suitable for plantation as per GoI guidelines dated 11.07.2014 will be countersigned for raising compensatory afforestation. Duly approved site specific CA scheme with land suitability certificate of DFO, non-encroachment /non-encumbrance certificate of Tahasildar concerned. Letter of competent revenue authority allotting non-forest Govt. land for CA, SoI Topo map showing the CA area and geo-referenced map of CA area duly authenticated by Tahasildar and DFO concerned need to be submitted.

In compliance to above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle vide his Memo No.3977 dated 10.10.2017 has reported the followings:-

- The revenue land for compensatory afforestation has been identified in Orkel and Chitapari village over 18.5 ha under Chitrakonda Tahasil of Malkangiri district. The revised scheme for CA technically approved for Rs.37,64,300/- by Addl.PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) is enclosed as Annexure A-I at Page-80 to 86 A/DP.
- The land suitability certificate furnished by DFO, Malkangiri is enclosed as Annexure A-II at Page -87/DP.
- The non-encroachment/non-encumbrance certificate of Tahasildar Chitrakonda is enclosed as Annexure-A-III at Page -89/DP.
- The allotment of non-forest Govt. land for taking up compensatory afforestation in lieu
 of diversion of 18.5 ha forest land by Tahasildar Chitrakonda vide his letter No.854
 dated 27.06.2017 is enclosed as Annexure-A-III at Page-88/DP.

- 5. Survey of India Topo sheet showing the compensatory afforestation area is enclosed as **Annexure-A-IV** at **Page-92/DP**.
- 6. Geo referenced map of CA area duly authenticated by Tahasildar Chitrakonda and DFO, Malkangiri is enclosed as **Annexure-V** at **Page-93/DP**.
- 7. The KML file of CA land is enclosed.

Condition(b):- Approval of Administrative Department for acquiring land including Private land for the project needs to be submitted.

In compliance to the above, as reported by RCCF Koraput, the administrative approval letter of Government submitted by User Agency is enclosed as **Annexure-B-I** and **Annexure-B-II** at **Page-194 to 195/DP**.

Condition (c):- No. of trees barely necessary for felling in non-forest land and forest land and remaining to be pruned may be indicated.

In compliance to the above, RCCF, Koraput has reported that the no. of trees to be felled is 105 and no. of trees to be pruned is 118, the details of which is enclosed as **Annexure-C** at **Page -96/DP**.

Condition (d):- Minimum height of proposed transmission line from ground alongwith minimum clearances to be allowed between the conductor of transmission line needs to be indicated.

In compliance to the above, as reported by RCCF, Koraput, the information on minimum height of proposed transmission line from ground alongwith minimum clearance to be allowed between the conductor of transmission line is enclosed as **Annexure-D-I** and **Annexure-D-II** at **Page -197 to 198/DP**.

Revised Part-II of the application

In compliance to the above, as reported by RCCF Koraput, the revised Part-II of the application is enclosed as Annexure-E at Page -99 to 102/DP.

In view of the above position of compliances to the deficiencies raised by Government of Odisha, Forest & Environment Department, the proposal for diversion of 18.5 ha forest area for construction of 220 KV S/C transmission line from Balimela to Malkangiri by OPTCL under jurisdiction of Malkangiri Forest Division in Malkangiri district, Odisha is resubmitted herewith in triplicate to Government for consideration and onward transmission to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Diversion Proposal
In triplicate

Yours faithfully,

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act Memo No. 23313 /Dt. 01-11-17

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3977 dt.10.10.2017.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act

Memo No. 23314 /Dt. of-11-17

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Malkangiri Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.3978 dt.10.10.2017 of RCCF, Koraput Circle in his address.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act