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Memo No. 296 /1F(Project)

Dated 4.2.19

To.

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act)
O/O the Pr.C.C.F., Odisha, Bhubaneswar.,

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 18.5 ha forest area for Construction of 220 KV transmission line from Balimela to Malkangiri by OPTCL, EHT (Construction) Division, Jeypore in Malkangiri Forest Division
(State SI. No. OR 070 / 2016 dt 20.08.2016)
Proposal No. FP/OR/ TRANS/ 20912 / 2016.

Ref: 1. Letter No.5-ORC-328/2017-BHU. Dt 05.03.2018 of GOI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar
2. Letter No.5-ORC-328/2017-BHU. Dt 15.05.2018 of GOI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar
3. Your Memo No.22980 /9F(Misc)321/2017 dt 13.11.2018.

In inviting a kind reference to the above cited correspondence on the subject it is to inform that the DFO, Malkangiri Forest Division vide his Memo No.121 dt 11.01.2019 (copy enclosed) has furnished his field verification report on the observations made by the GOI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar. The compliance to the observations is as follows-

1. The transmission line has been constructed in the forest land without approval under Section-2 of the FC Act,1980. Conducting field verification the DFO, Malkangiri Forest Division reports that, the erection of tower has been completed in March, 2018 where as stringing of conductor has been completed on 05.01.2019. The work for entire stretch of 21.37 Km from Balimela to 220/33 KV Grid sub-station, Daniguda, Malkangiri is already completed. The user agency vide their Letter No.Camp/Balimela/ 01 (03) dated 29.01.2018 and No.566 (5) dated 04.10.2018 have stated the details / grounds for completion of the work. The copy of the letters dated 29.01.2018 and 04.10.2018 are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I and Annexure-II.**
2. The DFO, Malkangiri Division reports that, there is trimming of tree branches nearby the pillars and no tree felling is observed. As per site inspection dated 05.10.2016 of the DFO, there are 73 numbers of trees in forest area which needs to be felled. The felling permission for the same has not been given yet.
3. The DFO, Malkangiri Forest Division reports that no other violation under FC Act, 1980 has been committed by the user agency.

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4. In the greater interest of the people living in Malkangiri district, looking into the problem of LWE affected area, out break of Japanese Encephalitis in the district and as no tree felling done while erecting the pillars, the said project proposal may be recommended for diversion of forest area.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

- Encl:-** 1. Copy of Memo No.121 dt 11.01.2019 of the DFO, Malkangiri Divn.
2. Copy of letter dt 29.01.2018 of SDO (Electrical), EHT (C)
Sub-Divn., OPTCL, Malkangiri. (Annexure-I)
3. Copy of Letter dt 04.10.2018 of Deputy General Manager (Elect),
EHT(Construction) Division, Jeypore (Annexure-II)


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Koraput Circle, Koraput

Memo No. 297 / Date 4-2-19

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Malkangiri Forest Division for information with reference to his Memo No.121 / 4F (Misc) dated 11.01.2019.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Koraput Circle, Koraput

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, MALKANGIRI FOREST DIVISION, MALKANGIRI.

Memo No. 121 /4F.(Misc.)-2019
Dated, Malkangiri the 11th January, 2019.

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Koraput Circle, Koraput.

Sub: -

Proposal for Diversion of Govt. lands for Construction of 220KV Balimela to Malkangiri DC Line by the OPTCL, EHT (Construction) Division, Jeypore (Proposal No. FP/OR/TRANS/20912/2016).

Ref: -

Your Memo No. 3769 dated 11.12.2018.

In inviting a kind reference to above cited memo on the captioned subject, it is to inform that, the compliance alongwith required report/documents is given below;

Observations	Compliance
1. The User Agency vide their Letter No. 566(5) dated 04.10.2018 have reported that after recommendation of the diversion proposal by State Nodal office, in anticipation of forest clearance, the work in the forest area was commenced during the month of January, 2018 by them. You are requested to verify work in the field and intimate the period of completion of the work.	On field verification, it was found that the work i.e. erection of Pillars, Stringing of Conductors has been already completed. The erection of tower has been completed in March, 2018, whereas stringing of conductor has been completed on 05.01.2019. The work for entire stretch of 21.37 Kms from Balimela to 220/33KV Grid Substation, Daniguda, Malkangiri is complete.
2. The User Agency reported that while erecting towers in forest area, utmost care was taken not to touch any tree. Please verify whether any forest growth has been damaged / affected due to such activity.	As per field verification, it is observed that there is trimming of tree branches nearby the pillars and no tree felling is observed. Moreover, the Site Inspection of the DFO, Malkangiri dated 05.10.2016 mentions that there are 73 Nos. of trees in Forest area which needed to be felled. The felling permission for the same has not been given yet.
3. Provide a copy of Letter No. 01 dated 29.01.2018 of the User Agency stating the grounds of erection of pillars in the project area without any permission from the competent authority.	The copy of the Letter No. 01 dated 29.01.2018 of the User Agency is attached in Annexure-I
4. Please report whether any other violation under FC Act, 1980 has been committed by the User Agency.	No other violation under FC Act, 1980 has been committed by the User Agency.
5. Moreover, you are requested to furnish your specific views on the observations made by the Govt. of India, MoEF & C.C., ERO, Bhubaneswar vide their Letter dated 15.05.2018.	In the greater interest of the people living in Malkangiri District, looking into the problem of LWE in the area & outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis in the district and no tree felling while erecting the pillars, the said project proposal may be recommended for diversion.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Memo No. 122 /4F.

Date. 11.01.2019

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

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Divisional Forest officer,
Malkangiri Forest Division.

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Divisional Forest officer,
Malkangiri Forest Division.



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Annexure-I

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022
OFFICE OF THE SUB DIVISIONAL OFFICER (ELECTRICAL)
E.H.T (C) SUB DIVISION, MALKANGIRI
E mail: ehtc.sd.mlkngir@optcl.co.in, Ph: 9438907899

Letter No. *Camp/Balimela/01(03)*

Dated: *29.01.2018*

To,

The Forest Range Officer,
Balimela Forest Range,
Balimela

Sub: - Proposal for Diversion of Govt. Lands for construction of 220 KV Balimela to Malkangiri line
by E.H.T.(C) Division, OPTCL, Jeypore.

Ref: Your Office Letter no. 31/2018 dtd. 28/01/2018

Sir,

With reference to above cited subject, this is to inform you that there was public agitation for reliable and quality power supply to LWE affected Malkangiri district, which could only be achieved by completion of the transmission line project. Further, outbreak of the Japanese Encephalitis and death of infants in the district intensified the pressure of supplying reliable power to the hospitals for use of life saving devices which can only be achieved by completing the transmission line.

After recommendation, the forest proposal by state nodal office, in anticipation of forest clearance, the work in the forest area was commenced during the month of January-2018 in an emergency basis. Besides, during erection of tower in forest area utmost care was taken not to touch any tree in forest area. The project was done for the greater interest of the people living in Malkangiri district.

This for favour of your kind information and necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

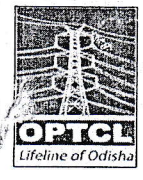
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29/01/2018

S. D. O. (Elect)
E.H.T. (C) Sub-Division
OPTCL, Malkangiri.:

C.C.-

1. Dy. General Manager (Elect.), E.H.T. (Const.) Division, OPTCL, Jeypore for kind information and necessary action.
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Malakangiri, Forest Division for kind information.

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ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
 (A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)
 Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022.
OFFICE OF THE Dy. GENERAL MANAGER (ELECTRICAL)
E.H.T. (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION, JEYPURE.
 E mail: ehhc.div.jpr@optcl.co.in, Tel: 06854-232682
 CIN: U40102OR2004SGC007553



Letter No. 566 (5)

Date: 04.10.18

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,
 Malkangiri.

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 18.5 ha of revenue forest land for Construction of Transmission line from 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Balimela to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Malkangiri by M/s Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited.

- Ref: i) Your letter no. 2960/41(misc)-2018 dated 13.08.2018 .
 ii) Memo no.134113/F & E, Dt.12-06-18 of Special Secretary to Govt., F & E Dept. Govt of Odisha.
 iii) 05-ORC 328/2017-BHU, Dt.15-05-2018 of Conservator of Forest(Central), MOEF & CC, EASTERN REGION OFFICE, Bhubaneswar, Govt. of India.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, this is to inform that, there was public agitation for reliable and quality power supply to LWE affected Malkangiri district, which could only achieve by completion of the transmission line project. Further, outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis and death of infants in the district, intensify the pressure of reliable power supply to hospitals for use of life saving devices which can only be achieved by completing the transmission line.

After recommendation the forest proposal by state nodal office, in anticipation of forest clearance, the work in the forest area was commenced during the month of January-2018 while erection tower in forest area utmost care was taken not to touch any tree in forest area. This project was done for the greater interest of the people living in Malkangiri District.

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

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

J.P. Bhandari
 04/10/18
Deputy General Manager (Elect.)
EHT(Construction) Division, Jeypore

CC to:

1. CGM, Construction, OPTCL, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information.
2. CGM, Construction, Zone-II, OPTCL, Sambalpur for favour of kind information.
3. GM(Ele.), EHT(Const.) Circle, Rayagada for favour of kind information.
4. SDO, EHT(C), Sub-Division, Malkangiri for information and necessary action.