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Memo No. 20755 /9F(Trans) - 44/2023  
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 18<sup>th</sup> October' 2023

From

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)  
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

**The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)**  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur  
Bhubaneswar-751023

**Sub: Diversion of 8.435 ha forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC transmission line from 400/200 KV PGCIL Grid Sub-Station, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Turumunga of Keonjhar by OPTCL – Compliance to GoI observations regarding.**

Ref: Letter No.5-ORC576/2023-BHU dated 30.06.2023 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar letter cited above on the captioned subject, the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle have furnished the compliance to GoI observations as furnished below:-

**Observation 1:- Extent of forest area used in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.**

**Compliance:-** The RCCF, Rourkela Circle has reported that <sup>as</sup> a temporary structure was noticed in Revenue Forest Land, the Tahasildar, Keonjhar was requested by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division vide his office Letter No.8783 dated 26.07.2023 (copy enclosed) to initiate legal action against the User Agency. Subsequently, the Tahasildar, Keonjhar vide his Letter No.4878 dated 25.08.2023 (copy enclosed) has informed that the encroacher (User Agency) has been instructed to vacate the encroached land within 30 days by dismantling the structure and the User Agency had assured to do so within the aforesaid stipulated period.

**Observation 2:- Detailed action taken by the State Govt. on violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.**


**Compliance:-** The Tahasildar Keonjhar vide his Letter No. 5966 dated 09.10.2023 (Copy enclosed) addressed to the DFO, Keonjhar Forest division has intimated that the Project Proponent i.e. OPTCL has dismantled and removed the electric tower from the Plot No. 104, Khata No. 41, Mouza-Manoharpur of Keonjhar Tahasil and the said land is free from encroachment. The General Manager (Elect), EHT Construction Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar has also intimated the said fact to the Tahasildar, Keonjhar vide his Letter No.632 dated 26.09.2023 (Copy enclosed).

The DFO, Keonjhar Forest division has also informed that no damage to the said forest area has occurred due to the above encroachment and subsequent dismantling. Hence, no further action is required from the State Government.

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations dated 30.06.2023 of the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

**Encl: As above**

Yours faithfully

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

Memo No. **20756** /Dt. **18-10-2023**


Copy alongwith its enclosures forwarded to the Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORC576/2023-BHU dated 30.06.2023 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

**Encl-As above**

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

Memo No. **20757** /Dt. **18-10-2023**

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3067 dated 15.09.2023 and Memo No. 11108 dated 16.10.2023 of DFO, Keonjhar Forest division.

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

Memo No. 20758 /Dt. 18-10-2023


Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3068 dated 15.09.2023 of RCCF, Rourkela Circle and his Memo No. 11109 dated 16.10.2023.

  
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Memo No. 20759 /Dt. 18-10-2023

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (Construction) Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar, At-Baldevjew Colony, lane No. 8, Jagannathpur, Po-Keonjhar-758001, Odisha for information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORC576/2023-BHU dated 30.06.2023 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

  
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