Government of Odisha Forest & Environment Department

Memo No. 3895 /F&E, Dated: 19.03.18 No.10F (Cons) 69/2017

Copy of the letter No. 5-ORC328/2017- BHU dt.02.02.2018 of the Eastern Regional Office of MoEF & CC pertaining to Diversion of 18.5 ha of revenue forest land for construction of 220KV/SC Transmission line from 220/33 KV Grid Substation at Balimela to 220/33 KV Grid Substation at Malkangiri district, Odisha by M/s Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. forwarded to the PCCF, Odisha in for kind information and necessary action.

It is requested to sensitize the user agency to be careful for their diversion proposal and also to furnish compliance to all the observations made by the ERO to this department early for further follow up action.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3896 /F&E, Dt: 1902-18

Copy with copy of enclosures forwarded to RCCF, Koraput Circle/ DFO, Malkangiri/ DFO, Koraput Division for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3897 /F&E, Dt: 19-02-18

Copy with copy of enclosures forwarded to the Energy Department/ Collector, Malkangiri for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3898/F&E, Dt: 190218

Copy with copy of enclosures forwarded to the Deputy Manager (Elect.), EHT (C) Division, Jeypore, Dist. Koraput, Pin.764001 for information and necessary action.

It is requested to be careful in future regarding forest diversion proposal in future as the REC expressed displeasure for the absence of User Agency in the REC meeting on 12.01.2018.

Special Secretary to Government



Government of India/ भारत सरकार

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The Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Deptt Government of Odisha,

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State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)69/2017-22956/F&E dated 09.11.2017.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform that the State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted the above mentioned proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was discussed in REC meeting held on 12.01.2018, and the Committee observed that the user agency did not attend the REC meeting and the REC has not been provided with details of the alternative routes (at least 3) of the transmission line. Hence, the REC decided to defer the proposal to the next meeting and the user agency may also be informed to treat their project with due care in future.

It is therefore requested to kindly intimate the user agency accordingly and furnish the reply to the observations made by REC at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, C.S. Pur, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.

The Deputy Manager (Elect.), EHT (C) Division, M/s Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., Jeypore, Dist: Koraput, Odisha-764 001 for information and necessary action. He has also been intimated verbally the matter when he attended the Regional Office after some days of the REC meeting.

Conservator of Forests (Central)