

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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No.10F (Cons) 69/17 9705 /F&E, Bhubaneswar, dated the 25-06-2020

From

Sri Debidutta Biswal, IFS  
Special Secretary to Government

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),  
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Eastern Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar.

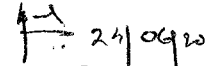
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(Proposal No.FP/OR/TRANS/20912/2016, State Sl. No.OR-070/2016 dtd.20.08.2016)

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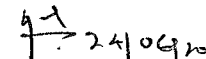
I am directed to invite a reference to your office letter No.5-ORC328/2017-BHU dtd.05.03.2018 and letter dtd.15.05.2018 on the subject cited above and to enclose herewith necessary compliance as received from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, FD&NO, FC Act, O/o the PCCF, Odisha vide letter No.10500 dtd.28.05.2020 along with enclosures (in 2 sets) for further needful action at your end.

Yours faithfully

  
Special Secretary to Government

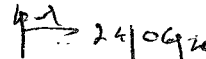
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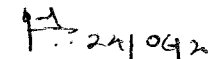
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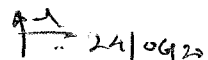
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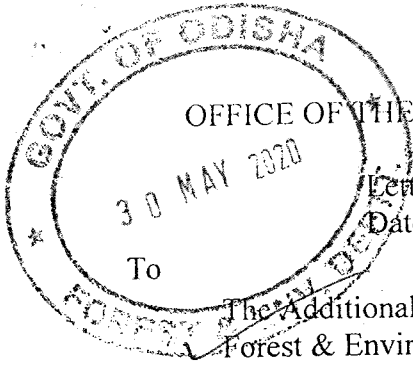
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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ODISHA,  
BHUBANESWAR

Letter No. 10500

/9F (Misc)-321/2017

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the

28<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

So(D.v)

30/05/20

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

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

- Ref: 1. Letter No.5-ORC-328/2017-BHU dated 05.03.2018 of GoI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar  
2. Letter No.10F (Cons)69/2017-7234/F&E dated 23.03.2018 of Special Secretary to Government, F&E Department  
3. Letter No.5-ORC-328/2017-BHU dated 15.05.2018 of GoI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar  
4. Letter No.10F (Cons) 69/2017-13410/F&E dated 12.06.2018 of Special Secretary to Government, F&E Department

Madam,

In inviting a reference to the above cited letters on the captioned subject, the compliance to the observations of GoI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar and comments on letter No.114 dated 28.04.2018 of User Agency relating to the project have been complied by DFO Malkangiri Division and RCCF Koraput Circle which are furnished below:

**Observation:** *Submission of the details of commencement and completion (if already completed) of transmission line in forest area by the User Agency and furnish comment on the User Agency's letter No.114 dated 28.04.2018.*

**Compliance:** In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that the DFO Malkangiri Division has furnished his field verification report on the observations made by GoI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar (Copy enclosed as Annexure-I)

- (1) The RCCF Koraput Circle has reported that the transmission line has been constructed in the forest land without approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (2) The DFO Malkangiri Division has reported that on field verification, it was found that the work i.e., erection of pillars, stringing of conductors have already been completed. The User Agency has informed that the work in forest area was commenced during the month of January, 2018. Further, the DFO Malkangiri has reported 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

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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 work. The copy of the letters dated 29.01.2018 and 04.10.2018 are enclosed as **Annexure-II** and **Annexure-III** respectively.


- (3) The DFO Malkangiri Division has reported 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 Malkangiri Division there are 73 nos. of trees in forest area which needs to be felled. The felling permission for the same has not been given yet.
- (4) The DFO Malkangiri Division has reported that no other violation under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been committed by the User Agency.
- (5) The RCCF Koraput Circle has reported that in the greater interest of the people living in Malkangiri District, looking into the problem of LWE affected area, outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis in the district and as no felling done while erecting the pillars, the said project proposed may be recommended for diversion of forest area.

In view of the above compliances to the observation of GoI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar in respect of 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 is sent in triplicate for consideration of Government and onward transmission to GoI, MoEF & CC, ERO, Bhubaneswar for approval of the proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: in 3 (three) Sets


Yours faithfully,

**Encl: Compliance  
in 3 (three) sets**

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act  
28/5/20

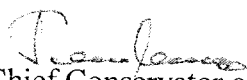
Memo No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date. \_\_\_\_\_

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle for information & necessary action with reference to his Memo No.296 dated.04.02.2020.

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act  
28/5/20

Memo No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date. \_\_\_\_\_

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Malkangiri Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to memo No.297 dated 04.02.2019 of RCCF, Koraput Circle to his address.

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act  
28/5/20

Annexure I

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

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

*[Signature]*  
11.01.19  
Divisional Forest officer,  
Malkangiri Forest Division.

*[Signature]*  
11.01.19  
Divisional Forest officer,  
Malkangiri Forest Division.



Annexure-II

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,

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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**OFFICE OF THE Dy. GENERAL MANAGER (ELECTRICAL)**  
**E.H.T. (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION, JEYPORE.**  
E mail: [ehc.div.jpr@optcl.co.in](mailto:ehc.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.
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*J.P. Panda*  
04/10/18  
Deputy General Manager (Elect.)  
EHT(Construction) Division, Jeypore

CC to:

- 1. CGM, Construction, OPTCL, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information.
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- 3. GM(Ele.), EHT(Const.) Circle, Rayagada for favour of kind information.
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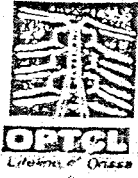
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*29/01/2018*

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CIN: U40102OR2004SGC007553

Letter No. 566 (5)

Date: 04.10.18

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Malkangiri.

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