

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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Annexure-I

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)
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OFFICE OF THE SUB DIVISIONAL OFFICER (ELECTRICAL)
E.H.T (C) SUB DIVISION, MALKANGIRI
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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.:

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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.