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From

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O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 48.782 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing LoC No. 70 of 220 KV Malkangiri-Balimela Transmission line to existing 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station, Khairput, Govindpalli under Malkangiri Forest Division in Malkangiri District by OPTCL, EHT (Construction) Division, Jeypore, Odisha – Compliance to GoI observations regarding.

Ref:- Letter No.5-ORA487/2021-BHU dated 28.04.2023 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, Malkangiri Forest division and RCCF, Koraput Circle have furnished the compliance to GoI observations as furnished below:-

Observation 1:- *The State Govt. shall carry out a joint inspection to ascertain actual number of towers erected along with GPS co-ordinates and extent of forest area used thereon, in violation of F.C. Act, 1980 involving officials from State Forest Department, Revenue Department and OPTCL.*

Compliance:- The RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that after joint field inspection by Forest and Revenue and OPTCL staff, it is ascertained that 146 numbers of towers have been erected (5 Nos. towers in Tarlakota PRF + 53 Nos. towers in Revenue Forest + 88 Nos. towers in Non-Forest area). The forest area extent for erected of 58 nos of towers (out of 58 nos. of Towers, 54

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Nos. of towers are without stringing of conductor which includes 0.950 ha of forest area is violated). The forest area extent for conductor stringing between 14 nos. of towers (Sl No.130 to 143) is 3.325 ha (Out of 14 nos. of erected towers, 4 nos. of towers are coming under Forest area). The total forest area violation is 0.950 ha + 3.325 ha = 4.275 ha. The total forest area under violation is 4.275 ha. The copy of joint field inspection report with details of erected towers along with GPS Co-ordinates is enclosed as **Annexure-A**.

Observation 2:- *Action taken against the erring officials responsible for violation of F.C. Act, 1980 and legal action taken by the Forest and Revenue Department for the illegal act.*

Compliance:- The RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that for violation of F.C. Act, 1980, the Director (HRD), OPTCL, Bhubaneswar vide Letter No.AW-GE-III-127/05/1912 dt 27.06.2022 has initiated departmental action against Sri Laxmikanta Panda, Ex-DGM(Elect), EHT Construction Division, Jeypore. The Copy of letter towards such departmental action is enclosed as **Annexure-B**.

The DFO, Malkangiri Division has issued show cause notice against the concerned Forester and Forest Guard as part of departmental proceedings vide his Memo No.3893 dt 04.08.2022. The DFO vide his Memo No.2308 dt 30.05.2023 has submitted the draft departmental proceedings against Sri Samir Kumar Jena, Forester to RCCF, Koraput Circle. The copy of such actions is enclosed as **Annexure-C**.

The DFO, Malkangiri Forest division has reported that the Tahasildar, Kudumuluguma vide Letter No.98 dt 19.01.2023 has issued show cause notice to Revenue Inspector, Kudumuuguma as part of departmental proceedings the copy of which is enclosed as **Annexure-D**.


Observation 3:- *When the construction of towers started? Whether the construction work is going on or has been stopped.*

Compliance:- The RCCF, Koraput Circle has reported that out of 58 numbers of erected towers in forest areas, 5 Nos of towers have been erected during March, 2019 and 53 Nos. of towers have been erected between April, 2022 to January, 2023 by the user agency. Moreover, the DFO, Malkangiri Forest division has reported that the construction work has been stopped.

In view of the compliance to the observations dated 28.04.2023 of the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar, the proposal may please be considered under Section-2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Compliance in one set


Yours faithfully


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

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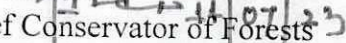
Copy alongwith its enclosures forwarded to the Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORA487/2021-BHU dated 28.04.2023 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar and Memo No. 8796/FE&CC dated 29.04.2023 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Encl-As above


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Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 1912 dated 28.06.2023.


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Memo No. 13937 /Dt. 12.07.2023

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Malkangiri Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1913 dated 28.06.2023 of RCCF, Koraput Circle.


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Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (Construction) Division, OPTCL, Jeypore, Odisha, Pin-764001 for information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORA487/2021-BHU dated 28.04.2023 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.


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