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Memo No. 3889 /4F (Misc.),
Dated Jharsuguda the 10th July, 2023.

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Sambalpur

Sub - Proposal for diversion of 2.323 ha of forest land for construction of 4- lane carriage way road with service road of SH-10 from Lecture Colony to BalijoriChowk from 0/000 km in the District of Jharsuguda.

Ref: - (i) Memo No. 21643, dtd. 05.12.2002 of the OSD-Cum-Special Secy. to Govt. of Odisha, F,E & CC Department.
(ii) Memo No. 25355/9F(Road)-428/2021, dtd. 14.12.2022 of the PCCF(FD & NO, FC Act.)
(iii) Letter No.MISC/FOREST/JSG/558(4) dt.12.02.2023 of the Dy. General Manager (Elect.), EHT (C) Division, Jharsuguda.
(iv) Letter No.2726 dt.22.06.2023 of the Tahasildar, Jharsuguda Tahasil.

In inviting a kind reference to the letters cited above on the captioned subject, I finished below the point -wise compliance report on the observation raised by the OSD-Cum-Special Secy. to Govt. of Odisha, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for favour of kind information & necessary action.

Points No.1

The following Plot numbers of (Revenue Forest Land i.e. Jungle, Jungle Bagayat Gramy Gungle) which form a part of the land proposed to be diverted had undergone Compensatory Afforestation. Their mutation has not yet been done. The details are as follows:

Name of Village	Plot No.	Khata No.	Plantation Area in Ha.	Project for which it was given as CA land	Compensatory Afforestation year
Balijori	1690, 1379	754	21.38	Diversion of 16.198 ha. of forest land for construction 2 nd 220 KV/DC Line form Ib-Thermal to Budhipadar.	2003-04
Balijori	1380	754	7.26	Diversion of 46.0 ha. of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC line from Budhipadar to Bolangir	2004-05

Objection raised by the OSD-cum-Special Secretary, Govt. of Odisha, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department vide their office letter No. 21643/FE & CC, dtd. 05.12.2022,

which was subsequently forwarded to the Tahasildar, Jharsuguda Tahasil vide this office letter No.3379 dt. 16.06.2023, No. 485 dt. 25.01.2023 & No. 2914 dt. 24.05.2023 & the reply received from the Tahasildar, Jharsuguda is enclosed herewith in *Annexure-I* for your reference.

The Tahasildar, Jharsuguda has contended that the actual Plot areas (104.5 acres) of the three plots exceed the area given (70.8 acres) for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation and thereby the afforestation was done in a greater area than provided for the purpose.

From the site inspection report of the DFO, Jharsuguda and the forest growth in the area, it is clear that compensatory afforestation was carried out in the Plot No. 1690, 1379, 1380 of Khata No. 754 in Mouza Balijori, which form a part of the area proposed to be diverted. However, the extant records in this office cannot help determine with certainty the exact GPS-linked boundaries of the CA plantation.

In light of this ambiguity, an effort has been made to divorce the issue of mutation of the said CA land from the issue of the current diversion. In this regard, a fresh transfer/mutation request has been sent to the Tahasildar, Jharsuguda vide letter No.3569 dt.23.06.2023, No.3574 dt.23.06.2023 with a copy endorsed to User Agency for the CA land demarcated for the two projects so the principle of land-for-land is preserved. The undersigned also seeks further directions in this regard. Further, the copy of the Stage-I & Stage-II approval order of above two GRIDCO Projects (Now OPTCL) is enclosed in *Annexure- II*.

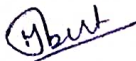
Point No.2

The Govt. of Odisha, Forest & Environment Department vide their letter No.21689/F&E dt.22.12.2009 (**copy enclosed**) has mentioned that the economic plantation with valuable species NPV shall be charged @9,39,000.00 per/Ha. (Eco-Class- I & II of "Dense Forest"). Which now is, as per revised rate of NPV, @ 14,36,670.00 per/ Ha.

From site inspection report of the DFO and the records available in the office, the land proposed to be diverted underwent compensatory afforestation. Therefore, to err on the side of caution, the undersigned is of the opinion that the forest area in the land proposed for diversion be considered as Eco-Class II (instead of Eco-Class III) to prevent any potential loss in recovery of NPV in the diversion proposal.

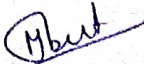
Memo No. 3890 /Dated. 10 .07.2023.

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act.) O/o the PCCF & HoFF Odisha, BBSR for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his memo No. 25355/9F(Road)-428/2021, dtd. 14.12.2022.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Jharsuguda Forest Division.

Memo No. 3891 /Dated. 10 .07.2023.

Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Jharsuguda (R&B) Division for information and necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Jharsuguda Forest Division

DF(Cons)CO/99-20769

Nov 10, 2001

To

The Principal Secretary,
Environment & Forest Department,
Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.

Subj: Diversion of 16, 198 ha. of forest land for construction
of 2nd 220 KV/AC line from Ib Thermal to Budhipadar.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. DF(Cons)CO/
99-20769/E.E dtd. 26.11.99 on the above mentioned subject
seeking prior approval of the Central Government under
Section 2 of the Forest (Cons.) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State
Government and the recommendation of the State Government
and the recommendation of the State Advisory Group, the
Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section 2
of Forest (Cons.) Act, 1980 for diversion of 16, 198 ha. of
forest land for construction of 2nd 220 KV/AC line from
Ib Thermal to Budhipadar in Sambalpur Forest Division subject
to the following conditions.

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over degraded forest land to the extent of twice of the forest area to be diverted by the State Forest Deptt. at the cost of the user agency.
3. The maximum width of right of way for the transmission line on forest land shall be 35 metre.
4. The user agency shall take up fire protection measures during summer season to protect adjoining forest areas from fire. For this purpose an action plan will be drawn in advance in consultation with Forest Deptt., Govt. of Orissa.
5. Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 metres would be permitted for taking the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips would have to be felled, but after stringing work is completed the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Where no such natural regeneration is possible due to non-availability of root stock in barren area, dwarf trees shall be planted as per scheme to be prepared in consultation with the Forest Department.
6. Felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done to maintain the electrical clearance with the prior permission of the D.F.O. whenever necessary. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line. Except as above and at the place of erection of tower no trees and bush growth will be cleared.

7. The minimum clearance between conductors and trees will be 4.0 metres.

8. The forest area should be properly demarcated in the field with concrete pillars before being transferred for non-forest use to the user agency.

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9. The forest land should not be used for any purpose other than those mentioned in the above proposal.

10. All materials, tools and other equipment will be transported only on the existing forest road as well as through the recommended width of right of way for the project, thereby causing no damage to the forest growth.

11. Any other conditions which the State Forest Department may impose on the user agency from time to time during construction of the transmission line and thereafter has to be complied by the user agency.

12. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the D.F.O., Sambalpur Forest Division shall report to this office as per procedure laid down in clause 1.9 of guidelines issued under Forest (Cons.) Act, 1920 on 25.10.1992.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Ajay Srivastav)
Dy. Conservator of Forest (Central

Government of Orissa
Forest and Environment Department

Memo No. 10F(Cons)80/99 /F&E., dated,
Copy forwarded to the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests,
Orissa for information and necessary action.

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. 8401 /F&E., dated, 28.5.201
Copy forwarded to Conservator of Forest, Sambalpur/O.F.O.,
Sambalpur(T) Forest Division for information & necessary action

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No. /F&E., dtd.
Copy forwarded to Conservator of Forests, GRILCO, Bidyut
Bhawan, Jampath, Bhubaneswar for information & necessary action.

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Deputy Secretary to Government

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31-5-2001

No. 8-108/99-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.

Dated the 23rd May, 2001.

To

The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Stage II approval

Sub: Diversion of 46 ha. of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC line from Budhipadar to Bolangir via Burla in favour of M/s. GRIDCO Ltd. in Jharsuguda, Sambhalpur, Bargarh & Bolangir districts of Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10 F(Cons.)79/99.20275/F&E dated 18.11.1999 and the letter No. 10F(Cons)77/99.5574/F&E dated 3rd April, 2001 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the above said Act..

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of recommendations of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 46 ha. of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC line from Budhipadar to Bolangir via Burla in favour of M/s. GRIDCO Ltd. in Jharsuguda, Sambhalpur, Bargarh & Bolangir districts of Orissa subject to the fulfillment of following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. over 92 ha. at the project cost.
- (iii) The penal compensatory afforestation shall be carried out over degraded forest land twice in extent to the area involved in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 at the project cost.
- (iv) The action initiated by Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Bhubaneswar for violation committed on revenue forest land will continue.

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- Removal of small trees and shrubs below the transmission line shall be carried out at the cost of user agency as per the scheme prepared by the State Forest Department and under their guidance.
- (vi) The maximum width of right of way for transmission line on forest land shall be 35 metres.
 - (vii) Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 metres would be permitted for taking the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips would have to be felled - that should be kept to minimum and after stringing works is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done at the minimum level and with the permission of the local forest officer whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line.
 - (viii) Minimum clearance between conductors and trees shall be 4.6 metres. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned above.
 - (ix) In the case of transmission lines to be constructed in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees will not be cut, pollarded or pruned.
 - (x) The user agency will make arrangement for free supply of fuel wood preferably alternate energy source to labourers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest areas.
 - (xi) Any other condition which the State Govt. or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Lucknow may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation and protection & improvement of the flora and fauna in the area.

Yours faithfully,

(J.P. Misra)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. The Regional Office (Hq.), New Delhi.
5. The Executive Engineer, E.H.T. Construction Division, GRIDCO, Jaruguda, Camp: Bhubaneswar, Orissa.
6. Guard file.

(J.P. Misra)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ORISSA

Mem. No. 12934/9F-20, XI-ET-26/99.

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 6th June, 2001.

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Sambalpur (T) Circle/D.F.O., Sambalpur (T), Forest Division/D.F.O., Balangir (T) Forest Division, Executive Engineer, E.H.T. construction Division, GRIDCO, Jaruguda for information and necessary action.

CONSERVATOR OF FOREST NO. II

No. S. 108/99 - FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan
CGO Complex, Lodi Road,
New Delhi - 110 003.
Dated, the 20th June, 2000

To
The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

9 JUN 2000

Subject: Diversion of 46 ha. of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC line from Budhipadar to Bolangir via Burla in favour of M/s. GRIDCO Ltd.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government, Forest and Environment Department's letter no.10F(Cons.)79/99.20275/F&E dated 18.11.1999 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby agrees in principle for diversion of 46 ha. of forest land for construction of 220 KV/DC line from Budhipadar to Bolangir via Burla in favour of M/s. GRIDCO Ltd in Orissa subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The user agency will transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over double the degraded forest land i.e., 92 ha. (revised as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) in favour of the State Forest Department.
- (ii) The user agency will transfer the cost of penal compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land twice in extent to the area involved in violation of F(C) Act, 1980 (revised as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) in favour of the State Forest Department. The action initiated by CCF(C), Bhubaneswar for violation committed on revenue forest land will continue.

3. After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the above conditions from the State Government, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Government till formal order approving diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

(J. P. Misra)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. Regional Office (HQ), New Delhi.
5. The Executive Engineer, E.H.T. Construction Division, GRIDCO, Jarsuguda, Camp, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.
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(J. P. Misra)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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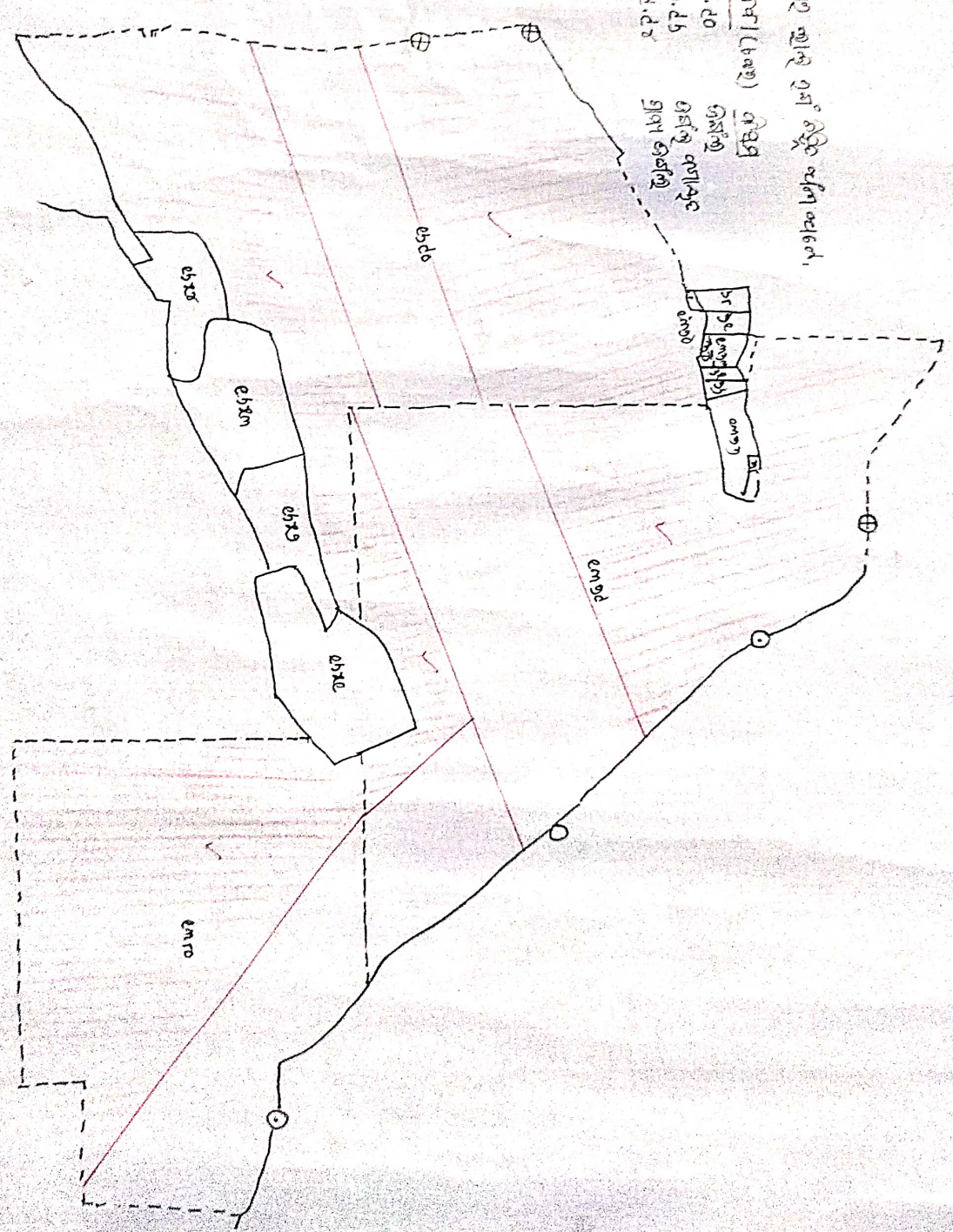
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TAHASIL OFFICE: JHARSUGUDA

To

Letter No. 2726 Date: 22-10-2023

The DFO, Jharsuguda.

Sub:

Diversion of forest land for non-forest use i.e expansion of existing road from SP Office chowk to Balijori chowk.

Ref:

Letter No. 485/4F(Misc.) dated, 25.01.2023 and Letter No. 2914/4F(Misc.), dated, 24.05.2023 of D.F.O., Jharsuguda Forest Division.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that the EE, R&B Division, Jharsuguda has filed application under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 before DFO, Jharsuguda for diversion of following schedule of forest land of Ac. 5.73 decl. for construction of 4-lane carriage way with service road of SH-10 (Lecture Colony-II to Balijori chowk) on the following schedule of land.

LAND SCHEDULE

Mouza:- Jharsuguda T.U. No. 2: Balijori, Tahasil: Jharsuguda.

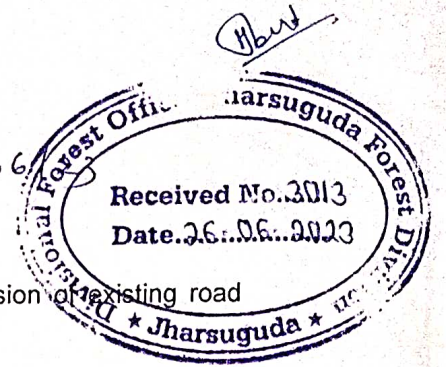
Sl. No.	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kisam	Total Area (in acres)	Acquired area (in Acres)
1.	754	1379	Jungle	39.000	3.110
2.	754	1380	Jungle Bagayat	27.500	0.080
3.	754	1690	Gramya Jungle	38.000	2.550
TOTAL				104.500	5.740

It has been requested in the letter dated 24.05.2023 of DFO, Jharsuguda to mutate and transfer Ac. 227.47 decl. of revenue forest land including the aforesaid 5.73 acres land. The letter further reveals that the said 227.47 acres revenue forest land was earlier identified for compensatory afforestation purpose in lieu of diversion of forest land of 46.00 Ha. for construction of 220 KV DC line from Budhipadar, Jharsuguda to Bolangir by M/s. GRIDCO and accordingly, plantation was done by forest department.

Earlier, it has also been requested in letter dated 25.01.2023 of DFO, Jharsuguda to mutate and transfer of 32.40 ha of revenue degraded forest land identified in village Malimunda & Balijori under Jharsuguda Tahasil in lieu of diversion of 16.198 ha for forest land for construction of 2nd 220 KV/DC line from IB Thermal to Budhipadar in which compensatory afforestation plantation has been taken up by Forest Department.

Revenue forest land of Ac. 227.29 decl. was identified in Mouza- Malimunda & Balijori. The details are given below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Village	Khata No.	Plot No.	Total Area (in Ac.)	Area identified for CA (in Ac.)	Residual Area available (in Ac.)
1	Jharsuguda	754	1690	38.00	29.94	8.06
2	T.U.-2 Balijori	754	1379	39.00	22.90	16.10
3		754	1380	27.50	17.96	9.54
TOTAL				104.50	70.80	33.70



Out of the above three plots, Plot No. 1379 has been identified for CA purpose for diversion of 16.198 ha for forest land for construction of 2nd 220 KV/DC line from IB Thermal to Budhipada and rest two plots have been identified for CA purpose for diversion of forest land of 46.00 Ha. for construction of 220 KV DC line from Budhipadar, Jharsuguda to Bolangir.

It is further revealed from the above statement that out of the total area of Ac. 104.50 involving the above three plots, Ac. 70.80 has been identified for CA purpose leaving residual area of Ac. 33.70. Earlier, there was an earthen road from Lecture Colony-II to Balijori chowk. After verification of official records at this end, it is found that out of the above residual area of Ac. 33.70, the Forest Department has used Ac. 23.76 area for compensatory afforestation purpose which also includes Ac. 2.00 approximately for nursery purpose. The 220 KV DC line project is on one side of the earthen road giving a 314 ft wide corridor for the future expansion of the existing earthen road.

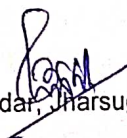
Mutation of the CA land has not been done till date and the land as of now stands recorded under Rakhit Khata. After receipt of formal request from DFO, Jharsuguda, mutation process will be done for eventual record of the land in favour of Forest Department.

This is for your information and necessary action.

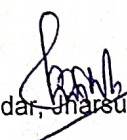
Yours faithfully,


Tahasildar, Jharsuguda

Memo No. 2727 Date 22/06/23
Copy submitted to the Collector, Jharsuguda for favour of kind information.


Tahasildar, Jharsuguda

Memo No. 2728 Date 22/06/23
Copy forwarded to the Executive Director, Western Zone, OPTCL, Burla for information and necessary action.


Tahasildar, Jharsuguda