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Memo No. 2208 / 4F (Misc.) - 45 / 2025. Dated, Bhubaneswar the \6 July, 2025.

To

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha.

Sub:

Proposal for seeking ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 23.983 ha. of Revenue Forest land for construction 220 KV Lilo Line from Existing 220 KV of Bhanjangar-Meramundali DC Line to 220/33 KV Grid Substation at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha. (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/TRANS/146005/2021)-reg.

Ref:

- 1) Memo No.14498/ FE & CC dt.17.06.2025 of OSD- cum- Special Secretary to Government, FE & CC Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 2) Memo No.6319 dt.14.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.

In inviting a reference to the above cited correspondence on the captioned subject, it is to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Forest Division has forwarded the compliance in respect of Point No.1 to 4 submitted by the Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (C) Division, OPTCL, Berhampur on the EDS raised by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide Letter No.5-ORC562/2023-BHU dtd.10.06.2025 to this office.

The point wise compliance submitted by the User Agency and forwarded by Divisional Forest Officer is furnished here under.

<u>EDS Point No.1</u>- The State Govt. shall provide the detail of all such cases where the User Agency (OPTCL) has violated the provisions of the Adhiniyam. The State Govt. shall also report the action taken under Section 3A/3B of the Adhiniyam in such cases.

Compliance- The case detail & the action taken report have been intimated to the DIG Forests, FE& CC, Bhubaneswar vide memo No. 2583 dtd.19.03.2024 & PCCF, Nodal vide Memo No.2584 dtd.19.03.2024. (copy enclosed) Annexure-I.

<u>EDS Point No.2</u>- In view of the presence of wildlife, particularly elephants, in the proposed project area, the sensitive locations along the project route which require wildlife mitigation measures, may be identified and a mitigation plan be formulated with the approval of the Chief Wildlife Warden.

<u>Compliance</u>- The Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan with wildlife mitigation measures has been prepared and submitted to PCCF WL & Chief Wildlife Warden for approval vide Memo No.2175 dtd.14.07.2025. **Annexure-II**

<u>EDS Point No.3</u>- As per DSS analysis the proposed transmission line is on the boundary of Satkosia Tiger reserve/ Baisipalli WLS. The state shall examine the matter and take necessary action for wildlife clearance accordingly, as applicable.

<u>Compliance</u>- The undertaking submitted by the User Agency is hereby enclosed in a separate sheet. (Annexure-III)

<u>EDS Point No.4</u>- In case of violation, the state has only provided the area involved in the construction of towers, whereas the area involved in the stringing of the wires has not been involved in violation shall be accordingly intimated.

<u>Compliance</u>- Stringing of wires between towers is verified in the field and the area violated is found to be **9.901 Ha**. The detailed tower wise data & the KML file of the same are enclosed. (Annexure-IV)

The aforesaid pointwise compliance of the conditions on the EDS raised by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi received from the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and needful action at your end. **Encl: As above.**

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,

Memo No. 2209 dt. 16.07.2025

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information with reference to Memo No.6320 dt.14.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,

Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 2210 dt. 16.07.2025

Copy submitted to the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE & CC Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information with reference to Memo No.6321 dt.14.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,

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Memo No. 2311 dt. 16-07-2025
Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Forest Division for information with reference to her office Memo No.6318 dt.14.07.2025.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,

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Memo No. 2210 dt. 16-07-2025

Copy forwarded to Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (C) Division, OPTCL, At-Sanakushathali, Po-Badakushathali, Berhampur, Odisha pin-76007 for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.6322 dt.14.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,