

## STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS &HoFF PLOT NO. GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR **BHUBANESWAR-751023**

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From

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

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar-751023

Diversion of 5.127 ha of Forest Land (4.837 ha relating to Athmallik Division + Sub: 0.29 ha relating to Boudh Division) for construction of 132/33 KV transmission line from GRID Substation Boudh to proposed 220/132/33 KV GRID substation at Kiakata by the DGM (Elect), EHT Construction Division OPTCL, Angulcompliance to GoI observations regarding.

Ref-: Letter No.5-ORC636/2024-BHU dated 08.04.2024 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Madam,

In inviting a reference to GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar letter cited above on the captioned subject, the DFO, Boudh Forest Division and RCCF, Berhampur Circle have furnished the following compliance to GoI observation as furnished below-:

Observation-1: The DFO, Boudh has reported that no violation has been committed by the user agency under FC Act,1980. However, as per DSS report, one tower has been erected over forest land in violation of FC Act, 1980, Detail extent of forest land used and action taken report by Revenue Authority against the erring Revenue Officials and the user agency responsible for causing diversion of forest land may be furnished.

Compliance: In compliance to the above the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that a joint site inspection have been made to the site in question involving forest officials (DFO, Boudh Forest Division, other revenue officials of Harbhanga Tahasil & OPTCL officials on dated 17.04.2024 to ascertain the position of towers on forest land proposed to be diverted as per the observation of Govt. of India. During joint site inspection it was revealed that non of the towers have been erected on the forest land proposed for diversion, rather three nos. of towers have been found to be erected on non-forest land involved in the project at village Landibandh and Pipalkata under Harbhanga Tahasil of Boudh district. In that regard the report of the DFO, Page 1 of 2

Boudh Forest Division vide his memo No.2480 dt.30.04.2024 is self explanatory which is enclosed as Annexure-I for kind reference. The joint inspection report dated. 17.04.2024 of the forest, revenue and OPTCL officials reveals regarding erection of towers on non-forest land adjacent to forest area proposed for diversion which is enclosed as Annexure-II for kind reference.

In view of the above the compliances to the observations made dated 08.04.2024 of Government of India, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary compliance.

Encl-As above

Yours faithfully

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

Memo No. 10406 /Dt. 18-05-2024 Copy alongwith its enclosures forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 5-ORC636/2024-BHU dated 08.04.2024 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar. Encl-As above

Principal Chief Conscruator of Forests

Memo No. 10407

/Dt. 18-05-2024 Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.1653 dated 08.05.2024.

Principal Chief Conservator of Profests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 10408 Dr. 18-05-2024

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Boudh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.1654 dated 08.05.2024 of the RCCF, Berhampur Circle to his address.

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

Memo No. 10409 /Dt. 18.05-2024

Copy forwarded to the DGM (Elect), EHT Construction Division OPTCL, Angul for information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORC636/2024-BHU dated 08.04.2024 of the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

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

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