

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, ROURKELA CIRCLE, AT/P.O. PANPOSH, ROURKELA-769 004.

Memo No. 3067 /3F(Misc)-888/2023 Date: 15-09-2023

To

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

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &HoFF,

Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub:

Diversion of 8.435 ha of forest land for construction of 220KV/DC transmission line from 400/200KV PGCIL Grid Substation, Keonjhar to 220/132/33 KV Grid Substation at Turumunga, Keonjhar by OPTCL.

Ref:

1) Letter No. 5-0RC576/2023-BHU dated 30.06.2023 of the MoEF&CC, GoI

2) Memo No.14261/FE&CC Dtd.27.08.2020 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Govt.,

FE&CC Department, Bhubaneswar

3) Memo No.9692 Dtd.28.08.2023 of the DFO, Keonjhar Division.

With reference to the aforementioned Memos on the captioned subject, the DFO, Keonjhar Division vide his Memo No. 9691 Dtd.28.08.2023 addressed to this office and copy thereof endorsed to you in the next Memo of even date has submitted the point wise compliance with clarification sought for vide letter No. 5-ORC576/2023-BHU dated 30.06.2023 of the MoEF& CC, GoIin respect of the aforementioned proposal which may kindly be perused.

The point wise compliance submitted by the DFO, Keonjhar Division is as follows:-

1) Extent of forest area used in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

As reported by the DFO, Keonjhar Division, on receipt of the aforesaid Memo of FE & CC Department, he has conducted the Site Inspection on 25.07.2023 and found the violation done by the User Agency, the details of which are depicted below:

1. Name of the Site

: In Manoharpur Revenue Forest

2. Khata No.

: 41

3. Plot No.

: 104

4. Extent of forest area used in Violation: 0.006806 ha.

5. Electric Transmission Tower No.

2) Detailed action taken by the State Govt. on violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The DFO, Keonjhar Division has stated that as the violation was noticed in Revenue Forest land, the Tahasildar, Keonjhar was requested vide his office Letter No.8786 Dtd.26.07.2023 (Copy enclosed) to initiate legal action against the User Agency.

Now, The Tahasildar, Keonjhar has informed vide his Letter No. 4878 Dtd.25.08.2023 (Copy enclosed) that the encroacher (User Agency) has been instructed to vacate the encroached land within 30 days by dismantling the structure and the User Agency has assured to do so within the aforesaid stipulated period.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle

Date:

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Division for information and necessary with reference to his Memo No.9691 Dtd.28.08.2023.

> Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle