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From

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

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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

Sub: Diversion of 23.983 ha of revenue forest land for construction of 220KV LILO Line from existing Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV GRID Substation at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha - GoI observations regarding.

Ref: (i) Letter No.5-ORC562/2023-BHU dtd 19.09.2023 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

(ii) Memo No.10F(Cons)-24/2323-20422/FE&CC dated.27.09.2023 of Govt. Of Odisha, FE&CC, Department.

Madam,

In inviting a kind reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, it is to inform that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has requested to furnish point wise compliances on the following points observed by them.

Observation (1): The DFO, Nayagarh Division has reported that no violation has been committed by the user agency under FC Act 1980. However as per DSS analysis the user agency has constructed 18 nos. of towers over the proposed forest land to be diverted without forest clearance. Detail action taken report on violation of FC Act 1980 alongwith name & designation of erring officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for nonforestry purpose may be furnished.

Compliance: In compliance to the above the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division has reported that 18 nos of towers have been constructed over the proposed revenue forest land without forest clearance, in that regard Tahasildar, Daspalla has booked 14 nos of encroachment cases against the user agency i.e. M/s OPTCL under OPLE Act. For causing violation regarding diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose. In that regard action taken report on violation of FC Act 1980 furnished by The Tahasildar, Daspalla vide his memo No.748 dated.13.02.2024 addressed to the DFO, Nayagarh Division is enclosed herewith as Annexure-A for reference.

Regarding illegal construction of balance 4 nos of towers by the user agency, it has also been reported by the Tahasildar, Daspalla which has been revealed from his memo enclosed as **Annexure-A**, that those towers have been constructed over private land under three nos of villages.

Observation (2): Agricultural activities, artificial structures and a major metallic road are observed in CA patch at Nuagaon village. This may be clarified by the state Govt. In view of the suitability of CA land and encroachment free land.

Compliance: In compliance to the above the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division has reported that regarding suitability of CA land for raising of CA at village Nuagaon, the Tahasildar, Khandapara Tahasil under Nayagarh District vide his memo No.685 dated.16.02.2024 addressed to the DFO, Nayagarh Division (enclosed as Annexure-B) has reported that the proposed land identified for raising of CA under this project is free from encroachment and encumbrance. In this regard the report of the revenue supervisor, Khandapara dated.15.02.2024 addressed to the Tahasildar, Khandapara Tahasil which is enclosed as Annexure-C may please be taken to consideration.

In view of the above it is therefore requested that the compliances to the observations made by GoI, MoEF& CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar dated 19.09.2023 is sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary consideration for processing of the proposal.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully

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

Memo No. 8470

Copy along with one set of compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. No.5-ORC562/2023-BHU dtd 19.09.2023 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Encl: As above

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

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.1313 dated 10.04.2024.

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

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 1314 dated 10.04.2024 of the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle to her address. In future she should refrain from communicating directly with the MoEF & CC, GoI, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar/ MoEF & CC, GoI, FC Division, New Delhi.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act Memo No. Dt.

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, OPTCL, Sanakusathali, PO-Badakusathali, Berhampur-760007, Odisha for information. He is requested to intimate the name & designation of the erring officials responsible with action taken report against them by him for causing violation for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose immediately to this office for further action.

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