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Memo No. 3769 /4F

Dated, Balliguda, the 23 June-2025

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Berhampur Circle, Berhampur.

Sub:-

Proposal for seeking ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 136.966 ha (94.013 ha in Balliguda Division+42.953 ha in Kalahandi North Division) of forest land for construction of 220/132/33 KV/DC Transmission line from existing 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Kesinga of Kalahandi District to proposed 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Sirtiguda of Kandhamal District by Deputy General Manager (EI), EHT Construction Division, OPTCL , Berhampur in Odisha-reg.

Ref: -

1. File No.5-ORA641/2024-BHU dated 10.06.2025 of Assistant Inspector General of Forests, MoEFCC, GoI, New Delhi.
2. Your Office memo No.2668 dated 21.06.2025

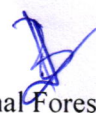
In inviting a kind reference to the subject cited above, the clarification/ information as sought in the correspondence under reference on the captioned subject pertaining to this Forest Division is enclosed herewith in a separate sheet for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.


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
Memo No 3770 Dated 23/06/2025

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests (WL-II), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha, for favour of his kind information and necessary action with reference to his memo No.6738 dated 20.06.2025.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Balliguda Forest Division.

Memo No 3771 Dated 23/06/2025

Copy submitted to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of his kind information and necessary action.


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**The Point wise compliance with respect to the Additional information /clarification
sought by Forest Advisory Committee**

- i. **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.**
 - The User Agency i.e., (OPTCL) has constructed a total of 62 nos. of Towers in forest land over an area of 0.42 ha across both Notified Forest Blocks and Revenue forest land under this forest division. This construction pertains to the transmission line project i.e., Diversion of 136.966 ha (94.013 ha in Balliguda Forest Division + 42.953 ha in Kalahandi North Forest Division) of Forest land for construction of 220/132/33 KV/DC Transmission Line from existing 220/132/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Sirtiguda of Kandhamal District. In view of the violation under the provisions of the Adhiniyam in Notified forest blocks Two offence cases have been booked vide OR case No. 59 of 2023-24 of Balliguda Range and OR case No. 35 of 2023-24 of Tumudibandha Range against SDO, (Construction) OPTCL, Balliguda Sub-Division and Project Manager, M/s Flowmore Ltd.
 - Further, encroachment cases have been duly booked by Tahasildar, K.Nuagaon, Balliguda and Tumudibandha against un-authorized construction of electric towers by OPTCL on Revenue forest land under K.Nuagaon, Balliguda and Tumudibandha Tahasil which was communicated by Collector, Kandhamal vide his letter No178 dated 12.01.2024 to undersigned.
 - The Action Taken Report on violation made by the User Agency has already been submitted to your good office vide this office memo No.2909 dated 16.05.2024.
- ii. **The separate KML file for the transmission line indicating the proposed forest land is not available on the portal. The same shall be uploaded.**
 - The KML file of the Transmission line of the Forest land which was submitted by the User Agency vide their office letter No. 274 dated 16.06.2025 is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.
- iii. **In view of the presence of wildlife, particularly elephants, in the proposed project area, the Sensitive locations along the project route that require wildlife mitigation measures may be identified and a mitigation plan be formulated with the approval of the Chief Wildlife Warden.**
 - The Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for the project has been prepared and the same is being forwarded to the DFO, Kalahandi North Forest Division for obtaining the signature of all concerned and further approval at appropriate level for taking necessary steps at this end.
- iv. **In case of violation, the state has only provided the area involved in the construction of towers, whereas the area involved the stringing of the wires has not been calculated. The needful shall be done and the detail of the exact area involved in violation shall be accordingly intimated.**
 - This is pertinent to mention here that, as per field verification, it is found that, only towers were constructed by the User Agency in Notified Forest Blocks as well as Revenue Forest land and stringing of electric cables has not been erected yet. The details of tower constructed are depicted hereunder for your reference.

A.Towers Constructed Over Notified Forest Block					
Sl. No .	Name of the Range	Name of the Forest Block	Towers constructed in Nos.	Area of the tower in ha.	Area of the tower in mt.Sq
1	Balliguda	Rutungia PRF	1	0.006841	68.41
2	Balliguda	Pusangia PRF	2	0.031436	314.36
3	Tumudibandha	Budhanai South PRF	1	0.00561	56.1
4	Tumudibandha	Budhanai North PRF	1	0.00701	70.1
		Total	5	0.050897	508.97
B.Towers Constructed Over Revenue Forest Land					
Sl. No .	Name of the Range	Towers constructed in Nos	Area of the tower in ha.	Area of the tower in mt.Sq	
1	Balliguda	20	0.148598	1485.98	
2	K.Nuagaon	19	0.113857	1138.57	
3	Tumudibandha	18	0.107028	1070.28	
	Total	57	0.369483	3694.83	
	Grand Total (A+B)	62	0.42038	4203.8	

The compliance reports submitted by the User Agency vide their office letter No. EHTCD/BAM/ 274 dated 16.06.2025 is enclosed herewith for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

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