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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF

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BHUBANESWAR-751023

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No.

/9F (Trans)- 416/2021

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the

August, 2025

To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

FC Division, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road

New Delhi-110003

Sub: Diversion of 23.983 ha of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV 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 dated 10.06.2025 of Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, FC Division, New Delhi
(ii) Memo No.10F(Cons)24/2023-14497/FE&CC dated 17.06.2025 of Govt. of Odisha, FE & CC Department

In inviting a reference to aforementioned letter of GoI, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi cited above on the captioned subject, the point wise compliance based on the reports of the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle and the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division are furnished below:

Observation-(1):- 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:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle has reported that regarding unauthorized construction of towers by M/s OPTCL, Berhampur over the Revenue Forest Land proposed to be diverted under this project, the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division has called for an explanation from the DGM (Elect) E.H.T. (C) Division, OPTCL, Berhampur for violation of provision of FCA, 1980 vide Letter No.6705 dated 25.08.2023. Also, both the Tahasildar, Daspalla and Gania Tahasil were requested to enquire over such unauthorized construction and to book cases under OPLE Act for violation of FC Act, 1980 vide Memo No.41 dated 05.01.2024. The Tahasildar, Khandapada Tahasil had been requested vide Memo No.7390 dated 27.09.2023 of the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division to furnish the non-encroachment and non-encumbrance certificate over the identified CA land at Mouza Nuagaon over 12.210 ha. The Collector and District Magistrate, Nayagarh District had been requested to furnish detailed information regarding unauthorized construction of 14 Nos. of Towers over the proposed Revenue

Forest Land under Daspalla Range without any forest clearance thereby violating FC Act, 1980 and furnishing the name of the erring officials who are responsible for such violation and action taken against them so far, under Section-3A/ 3B of the Adhiniyam in such cases vide Letter No.9158 dated 16.11.2024 and No.6760 dated 28.07.2025. In reply, the ADM, Nayagarh District vide Memo No.382 dated 28.01.2025 to the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division has reported that 14 Nos. of cases under OPLE Act have been booked against the User Agency i.e. M/s OPTCL Berhampur for such unauthorized encroachment and order of eviction has also been issued to them. Also, the Tahasildar, Daspalla has been called for to explain by the Collector, Nayagarh District vide Letter No.212 dated 18.01.2025 to explain under which circumstances the OPTCL has constructed such unauthorized towers inside the revenue forest land and to furnish the name and designation of erring officials found responsible for such violation. In response to the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division enquiry the Tahasildar Daspalla vide his Letter No.748 dated 13.02.2024 has furnished a report showing 14 Nos. of encroachment cases booked under different plots of different villages for construction of such unauthorized towers by M/s OPTCL with area of encroachment. Also, the Tahasildar, Khandapada vide Letter No.685 dated 16.02.2024 has reported that the identified CA land under Mouza Nuagaon over an area of 12.210 Ac. against this project is free from encroachment and encumbrance alongwith the report of Revenue Supervisor, Khandapada. All the above action taken report regarding the violation committed by the OPTCL are enclosed as **Annexure-I Series**.

Observation-(2):- 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.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle has reported that for adopting mitigative measures for the wildlife movement on the sensitive locations of this project, the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan has been prepared by the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division as has been reported vide his Memo No.6305 dated 14.07.2025 and has also been submitted to the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha for approval vide Memo No.2175 dated 14.07.2025 of the RCCF, Bhubabneswar Circle which are enclosed as **Annexure-II Series**.

Observation-(3):- 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.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle has reported that the KML file of M/s OPTCL of this project superimposed on the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve [Mahanadi (WL) Division] shows that the proposed Transmission Line comes

within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of the Tiger Reserve. Hence, necessary approval and clearance is required from the National Board for Wildlife for processing. Accordingly, the User Agency i.e. M/s OPTCL Berhampur has been instructed to apply before the NBWL vide Memo No.6532 dated 21.07.2025 of the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division. Also, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to obtain the required necessary approval and Wildlife Clearance for diversion of 23.983 ha of Revenue Forest land for construction of this 220 KV D/C LILO line from existing 220 KV Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Substation at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur under Nayagarh Forest Division which are all enclosed as **Annexure-III Series.**

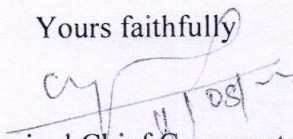
Observation-(4):- In case of violation, the state has only provided the area involved in the construction of towers, whereas the area involved in the stringing of the wires has not been calculated. The needful shall be done and the detail of the exact area involved in violation shall be accordingly intimated.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar Circle has reported that a separate list of area violated by the User Agency for unauthorized construction of the Electrical Towers and stringing of the electrical wire over the proposed Revenue forest land duly authenticated by the DFO, Nayagrh Forest Division is enclosed as **Annexure-IV.**

In view of the above, the compliance to the observation dated 10.06.2025 raised by the GoI, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi are sent herewith along with its enclosures for favour of kind information and further necessary action.

Encl: As above

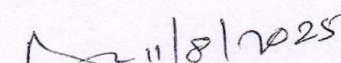
Yours faithfully


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

Memo No.

Date.

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for kind information & necessary action with reference to Letter dated 10.06.2025 of GoI, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi.

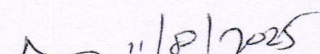

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

Date.

Copy forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Odisha, Kharavel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar for kind information & necessary action with reference to his Memo No.10F(Cons)24/2023-14497/FE&CC dated 17.06.2025

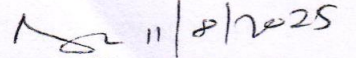
Encl:-As above


Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

Date.

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information & necessary action with reference to his Memo No.2415 dated 30.07.2025.

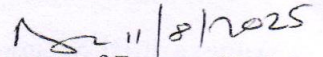
 11/8/2025

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

Date.

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Forest Division for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.2418 dated 30.07.2025 of the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle to his address.

 11/8/2025

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No.

Date.

Copy forwarded to the Dy. General Manager (Elect), E.H.T (C) Division, OPTCL, At-Sanakushasthali, Po-Badakusasthali, Berhampur, Odisha-760007 for information.

 11/8/2025

Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER: NAYAGARH FOREST DIVISION
Phone/Fax: 06753-252226, Mob-9437052226, E-Mail Id : dfo.nayagarh@odisha.gov.in

Letter No.6705 Dated.25.8.23

To

**The Dy General Manager(Elect),EHT@ Division,
OPTCL,Sanakushathali,
PO: Gadakusathali,Berhampur-760007**

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 23.983 ha of Revenue forest land for construction of 220KV LILO from existing 220 KV Bhanjanagar-Meramunadli DC line to 220/33KV Grid Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/S OPTCL under Daspalla tahsil of Nayagarh district under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District

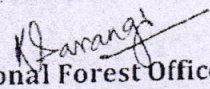
Sir,

On dated.23.08.2023, while the undersigned was on tour to Gania Range for inspection of waterbody in Makarprasad RF, it was found that one tower was installed in Khesara Forest area with GPS reading N 20.413462, E 84.831998 without issue of work order from competent authority which violates the provision of FCA, 1980.

During the site inspection, you have not shown the undersigned entire sites proposed for installation of tower and only taken to those areas where there was no tower proposed. Being Khesra forest it is difficult for the undersigned to find out the exact land status during site inspection. You have also mentioned that there is no tower installed in any forest area. This shows you have intentionally and knowingly misled the forest department, about the violation of Forest Conservation Act,1980 done by you.

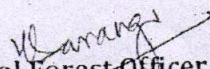
Hence, you are hereby asked to explain why necessary action will not be initiated against you for violation of Forest Conservation Act,1980.

Yours sincerely,


**Divisional Forest Officer
Nayagarh Division**

Memo No._6706 Date25.8.23

Copy to ACF, I/C Gania Range for information and necessary action.


**Divisional Forest Officer
Nayagarh Division**

Annexure-1 Series

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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; NAYAGARH FOREST DIVISION, NAYAGARH.
Tel No-06753- 252226 (Fax) E-mail dfo.nayagarh@odisha.gov.in

Memo No. 41 /4E- /2023
Dated, Nayagarh the 5th Dec, 2023

To

The Tahasildars,
Daspalla & Gania Tahasil.

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 23.983 ha. of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV Lilo from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Daspalla Tahasil of Nayagarh district under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha.

Ref:- Letter No. 6705 dtd. 25.08.2023 of this office to Dy. GM (Elect.) OPTCL, EHT (Construction) Division, Berhampur.

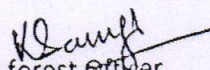
Sir,

With reference to the above cited letter on the captioned subject, it is being brought to your attention that, as per the guidelines of Ministry of Environment forest & Climate Change Govt. Of India letter No. 11-42/2017-FC dated. 29.01.2018" in case where the proposal under FC act, 1980 has not been submitted and Forest land has diverted without FC Act in the state will be dealt under the provision of India Forest Act, 1927 or State Forest Act on any other state Act dealing with such land".

During the site inspection of the undersigned to Gania Range on 23.8.23 violation has been noticed by OPTCL (as they have constructed towers on revenue forest land) for which they have been noticed vide letter no 6705 dated 25.8.23. The fact was also reported from the IRO office, Bhubaneswar regarding irrection of 18 no of towers over forest land (status revenue forest).

As the violation report belongs to Revenue Forest (List enclosed herewith for your information and necessary action),you are requested to take necessary action against the erring officials under OPLE Act or any other act in force at the point of time and submit action taken report to this office for record and communication to high quarter.

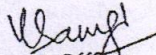
Yours faithfully,


Divisional forest officer,
Nayagarh division.

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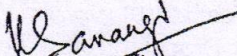
Memo No. 72 dtd. 5. 1. 24

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests (Nodal) O/o the principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.


Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

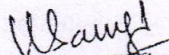
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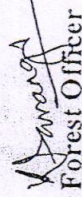

Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 74 dtd. 5. 1. 24

Copy forwarded to the DyGM, Eelectrical, OPTCL, Berhampur for information and necessary action.


Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Sl. No.	Range	GPS Reading		Tahasil	Mouza	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kisam		Remarks (Point No. on Map)
		Latitude	Longitude					Hal	Sabik	
1	Daspalla Range	20.37350	84.85281	Daspalla	Sriramchandrapur	106	51	Taila Dui	Jungle	1
2	Daspalla Range	20.37573	84.85239	Daspalla	Sriramchandrapur	237	3	Gramya Jungle	Not Found	2
3	Daspalla Range	20.38269	84.85308	Daspalla	Jamusahi	40	657	Patita	Jungle	3
4	Gania Range	20.38999	84.85737	Daspalla	Alapanga	21	108	Jungle-1	Not Found	4
5	Gania Range	20.40080	84.85758	Daspalla	Birapaju	48	285	Patita	Jungle	5
6	Gania Range	20.40689	84.84522	Daspalla	Guriabari	36	29	Chhota Jungle	Not Found	7
7	Gania Range	20.41119	84.83913	Daspalla	Ostia	10	538	Sarad - 3	Jungle	8
8	Gania Range	20.41208	84.83679	Daspalla	Ostia	9	73	Taila Dui	Jungle	9
9	Gania Range	20.41304	84.83413	Daspalla	Mardabadi	14	1009	Taila Dui	Jungle	10
10	Gania Range	20.41348	84.83200	Daspalla	Mardabadi	114	975	Gochara	Jungle	11
11	Gania Range	20.41441	84.78319	Daspalla	Makaraprasad	214	227	Jungle-2	Not Found	11
12	Gania Range	20.41378	84.77758	Daspalla	Makaraprasad	214	181	Jungle-2	Not Found	12
13	Gania Range	20.41354	84.77505	Daspalla	Makaraprasad	214	181	Jungle-2	Not Found	13
14	Daspalla Range	20.41224	84.76224	Daspalla	Rathipur	89	643	Jungle-2	N/A	14
15	Daspalla Range	20.41161	84.76013	Daspalla	Rathipur	89	643	Jungle-2	N/A	14
16	Daspalla Range	20.41094	84.75796	Daspalla	Rathipur	89	396	Jungle-2	Chhota Jungle	15
17	Daspalla Range	20.40079	84.74529	Daspalla	Gopalpur	16	49	Jungle-2	N/A	16
18	Daspalla Range	20.40046	84.74318	Daspalla	Gopalpur	13	129	Jungle	N/A	17


 Divisional Forest Officer
 Nayagarh Division

Annexure-1 Series ✓

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; NAYAGARH FOREST DIVISION, NAYAGARH
Tel No-06753- 252226 (Fax) E-mail dfo_nayagarh@Odisha.gov.in

Letter No. 7390 /4F- 356 /2023
Dated, Nayagarh, the 27th Sept., 2023.

To

The Tahasildar,
Khandapada Tahasil.

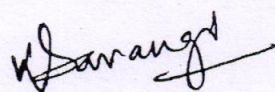
Sub : Proposal for diversion of 23.983 ha. of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Daspalla Tahasil of Nayagarh district under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha; **Submission of Non-Encroachment & Non-Encumbrance Certificate regarding.**

Sir.

Referring to the subject cited above, an area of 12.210 ha has been identified in Khata No. 182. Plot No. 761 in Mouza- Nuagaon for Compensatory Afforestation against 220 KV LILO from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla Project. But the Encroachment & Non-Encumbrance Certificate required to be produced from your office has not been received yet for which the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C) O/o Indian Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, has raised objection vide her letter No. Letter No. 20425/ FE & CC dtd. 27.09.2023.

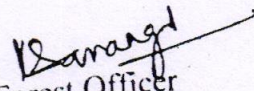
Hence, you are requested to produce the ^{Non} Encroachment & Non- Encumbrance Certificate for the above area to this office at an early end.

Yours Faithfully,


Divisional Forest Officer
Nayagarh Division

Memo No. 7391 dtd 27.09.23

Copy forwarded to the Range Officer, Khandapada for information & necessary action. He is requested to coordinate with Tahasildar, Khandapada & send the above certificates hereby signed by Tahasildar.


Divisional Forest Officer
Nayagarh Division

Annexure I *SP/2024*

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, NAYAGARH FOREST DIVISION

Mail id: dfo.nayagarh@odisha.gov.in phone no:06753-252226

Letter No. 9158 /4F- /2024
Dated, Nayagarh, the 16th Nov., 2024

To

The Collector & District Magistrate,
Nayagarh.

Sub:-

Diversion of 23.983 ha of revenue Forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO line from existing Bhanjangan-Meramundai DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha.

Sir,

Enclosed, please find herewith the letter communicated by Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C), it is to inform you that 14 nos towers of 220KV LILO line from Bhanjangan-Meramundai DC line to 220/33KV Grid substation at Daspalla in Nayagarh District has been constructed inside the Revenue forest under Daspalla Range without any forest clearance, which violates Odisha Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Accordingly Tahasildar, Daspalla was requested to book case and he has booked cases under OPLE Act against 14 sites. However in the letter enclosed herewith Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C) has asked explanation regarding action taken report against the Revenue officials responsible for the same.

Hence, you are requested to furnish the above desired information for further action at this end.

Encl: As above.

Memo No. 9159 dt. 16-11-2024

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/O the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Memo No. 9160 dt. 16-11-2024

Copy forwarded to Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar Circle, Bhubaneswar, for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Memo No. 9161 dt. 16-11-2024

Copy forwarded to Dy General Manager (Elect.), OPTCL, E.H.T. (CONSTRUCTION), Division, Berhampur for favour of kind information and necessary action.

P.T.O.

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, NAYAGARH FOREST DIVISION, NAYAGARH.
Tel No-06753- 252226 (Fax) E-mail dfo.nayagarh@odisha.gov.in

Letter No. 6760 /4F- /2025

Dated, Nayagarh the 28 July., 2025

To

The Collector & District Magistrate
Nayagarh.

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Ref:- Your Letter No. 382 dtd. 28.01.2025.

Sir,

Enclosed, please find herewith the letter no. 15424 Dtd.21.07.2025 from Chief Conservator of Forest Nodal, O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Bhubaneswar. You are requested to produce the compliance to the observation 1 pointed out by the MoEF & CC.

Enclosing the detail list of Tahasil and village wise violation noticed in the Revenue Forest Land of Nayagarh District, it is requested to produce the name of the erring officials who are responsible for the violation in the revenue forest land and the action taken against them to this office for taking further action at this end.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,

K. Banerjee
Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 6761 dtd. 28.07.2025

Copy forwarded to the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Odisha for favour of kind information.

K. Banerjee
Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 6762 dtd. 28.07.2025

Copy forwarded to the Addl. PCCF (FD & NO, FC Act) O/o the principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

K. Banerjee
Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 6763 dtd. 28-07-2025

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 15423 Dtd.21.07.25.

K. Borangi
Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 6764 dtd. 28-07-2025

Copy forwarded to the Dy. GM, Electrical, OPTCL, Berhampur for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 15425 dtd.21.07.25.

K. Borangi
Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Annexure 1 Serial 222

COLLECTORATE, NAYAGARH
(Revenue Section)

No. 382 dt. 28/01/25



The Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh.

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Ref:- Your Letter No. 9158 dtd. 16.11.2024 of D.F.O., Nayagarh.

Madam,

In inviting a reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am to intimate you that the Tahasildar, Daspalla was asked to submit status report in this issue vide this office letter No. 3065 dtd. 11.12.2024. Accordingly the Tahasildar, Daspalla has submitted his report stating that 14 OPLE cases have been booked against the OPTCL for such unauthorized encroachment of revenue forest land, penalty and assessment has been realized for such encroachment and order of eviction has been issued to the OPTCL.

Then vide this office letter No. 212 dtd. 18.01.2025 (copy enclosed), the Tahasildar has been asked to submit explanation under which circumstances M/S OPTCL constructed 220KV LILO line from existing Bhanjanagar-Meramundai DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur and to intimate about the erring officials found responsible.

This is for information.

Yours faithfully,

28.01.2025
Addl. District Magistrate,
Nayagarh

Memo No. 383 / dtd. 28/01/25
Copy to the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, OPTCL for information with reference to his letter No. 148 dtd. 04.12.2024.

28.01.2025
Addl. District Magistrate,
Nayagarh

Memo No. 384 / dtd. 28/01/25
Copy to Steno to Collector for kind appraisal of the fact to the Collector.

28.01.2025
Addl. District Magistrate,
Nayagarh

Annexure-1 Series

mail by 20.01.2025

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COLLECTORATE, NAYAGARH

Revenue Section

No. 212 dt. 18.01.25 ✓

To

The Tahasildar, Daspalla.

Sub:- Diversion of 23.983 ha. of revenue Forest land for construction of 220KV LILO line from existing Bhanjanagar-Meramundai DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha.

Ref:- Your letter No. 6476 dtd. 20.12.2024 & Letter No. 9158 dtd. 16.11.2024 of D.F.O., Nayagarh.

Sir,

With reference to the letter on the subject cited above, you are called upon to explain under which circumstances the OPTCL has constructed DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station in Daspalla Tahasil area under Nayagarh District inside the Revenue Forest land within your jurisdiction. This type of unauthorized construction over forest land for non forest purpose without any forest clearance violates Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Your explanation should reach before the undersigned within three (03) days of receipt of this letter. The name and designation of the erring officials found responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose also needs to be intimated.

This is Most Important.

Yours faithfully,

Collector, Nayagarh

OFFICE OF THE TAHASILDAR, DASPALLA

No. 748 Date 13/02/2024

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh

Sub: Regarding illegal diversion of 23.983 ha of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV
Line from Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur.

Ref: Letter No.41/4F/2023 dtd. 05.01.2024

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am to say as per list supplied the Khata and plots have been verified by our field functionaries and the report is detailed below

Sl.No	(Encroachment) Case No	Land Schedule				
		Mouza	Khata No	Plot No	Total Area in Ac.	Area encroached in acre
1	06/2023-24	Sriram Chandrapur	237	3	32.310	0.030
2	07/2023-24	Makar Prasad	214	227	20.85	0.030
3	08/2023-24	Guriabari	36	29	1.79	0.030
4	09/2023-24	Makar Prasad	214	181	24.25	0.030
5	10/2023-24	Makar Prasad	214	181	24.25	0.030
6	11/2023-24	Alapanga	21	108	31.06	0.030
7	14/2023-24	Rathipur	89	396	20.75	0.030
8	17/2023-24	Rathipur	89	643	62.31	0.030
9	18/2023-24	Rathipur	89	643	63.31	0.030
10	19/2023-24	Mardabadi	114	975	8.23	0.030
11	20/2023-24	Jamusahi	40	657	1.75	0.030
12	21/2023-24	Bidapaju	48	285	2.65	0.030
13	22/2023-24	Gopalpur	13	49/29	7.12	0.030
14	23/2023-24	Gopalpur	16	49	8.37	0.030
15		Sriram Chandrapur	106	51	These khata Plots are going under Private land	
16		Ostia	10	538		
17		Ostia	9	73		
18		Mardabadi	14	1009		

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

Yours Faithfully,

[Signature]
13/2/24
Tahasildar, Daspalla

Memo No. 749 Date 13/02/2024

Copy submitted to G.M.(Construction), OPTCL, Rayagada Circle for information and necessary action

[Signature]
13/2/2024
Tahasildar, Daspalla

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OFFICE OF THE TAHASILDAR, KHANDAPADA, DIST-NAYAGARH

Letter No. 685 / Dtd. 16/2/24

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Division.

Sub:- Regarding submission of Non encroachment and Non-encumbrance certificate.

Ref:- Letter No 7390/4F-356/2023 dtd 27.09.2023 of Office of the DFO, Nayagarh.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to intimate that an area of Ac 12.210 ha under Khata No 182, plot No 761 under Mouza-Nuagaon identified for compensatory Afforestation against 220 KV LILO from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar- meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Daspalla project is encroachment as well as encumbrance free land.

This is for favour of your information and necessary action.

Enclosure:-

Original Report of Revenue Supervisor, Khandapada

Yours faithfully

Memo No. 686 Dt. 16/2/24

Tahasildar, Khandapada
TAHASILDAR
KHANDAPARA

Copy submitted to the Sub-Collector, Nayagarh for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Memo No. 687 Dt. 16/2/24

Tahasildar, Khandapada
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KHANDAPARA

Copy forwarded to the Range Officer, Khandapada for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Tahasildar, Khandapada
TAHASILDAR
KHANDAPARA



Memo No. 6304
Dated, Nayagarh, the

/4F- /2025
14 July, 2025.

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub:- Regarding:-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 23.983ha of Revenue Forest land for construction 220 KV Lilo Line from Existing 220 KV of Bhanjangan-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.
Submission of SSWLCP of the Project.

Ref:- Memo No. 6636 dtd. 18.06.2025 of Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

In inviting the above cited memo under reference and captioned subject, the site-specific wild life conservation plan (SSWLP) of the above- mentioned project, in accordance to the revised guidelines vide memo No. 5583 dtd. 22.05.2025 of the Pr. CCF(WL) and CWLW, Odisha is submitted for favour of your information and necessary action at your end.

Encl:- 04 copies of SSWLCP

Memo No. 6305 dt. 14.07.25

K. Sawangi
Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

Copy forwarded to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD & NO) FC Act., O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information & necessary action with reference to memo No.1860 dtd. 19.06.2025 of Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar.

Memo No. 6306 dt. 14.07.25

K. Sawangi
Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

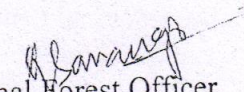
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K. Sawangi
Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

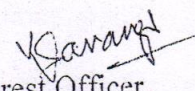
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Memo No. 6307 dt. 14.07.25

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Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

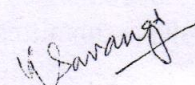
Memo No. 6308 dt. 14.07.25

Copy forwarded to the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE & CC Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information & necessary action with reference to memo No.1862 dtd. 19.06.2025 of Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

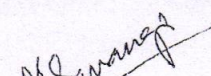
Memo No. 6309 dt. 14.07.25

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Boudha & Mahanadi Wildlife Division Odisha for favour of kind information & necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

Memo No. 6310 dt. 14.07.25

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (C) Division, OPTCL, At-Sanakushathali, Po-Badakushathali, Berhampur, Odisha pin-76007 for information & necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.



Annexure-11
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Through e-mail

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, BHUBANESWAR CIRCLE
STATE SILVICULTURE GARDEN, At/Po- GHATIKIA, BHUBANESWAR - 751029.
PHONE / FAX - 0674-2951174, 2951175 E-MAIL- rccf.bhubaneswar@odisha.gov.in.

Memo No. 2175 / 4F (Misc.) - 457 2025.

Dated, Bhubaneswar the 14th July, 2025.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)
& Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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 Bhanjangan-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.
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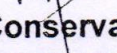
Ref:

- 1) Your office Memo No. 6636 dt.18.06.2025.
- 2) Memo No.6306 dt.14.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.

In inviting a reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, the Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for diversion of 23.983 ha. of Revenue Forest land for construction 220 KV Lilo Line from Existing 220 KV of Bhanjangan-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 in Compliance to FAC EDS Condition-2 of the letter dated.10.06.2025 of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

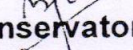
The said Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan received from the Divisional Forest officer, Nayagarh Forest Division is forwarded herewith in 03 (two) sets for necessary approval.

Encl: 03 (two) Sets.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 2176 dt. 14/07/2025

Copy submitted to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD & NO) FC Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha Bhubaneswar for kind information with reference to Memo No.6305 dt.14.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 2177 dt. 14/07/2025

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur, Odisha for information with reference to Memo No.6307 dt.14.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.

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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 2178 dt. 14/07/2025

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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 2179(2) dt. 14/07/2025

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Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 2180 dt. 14/07/2025

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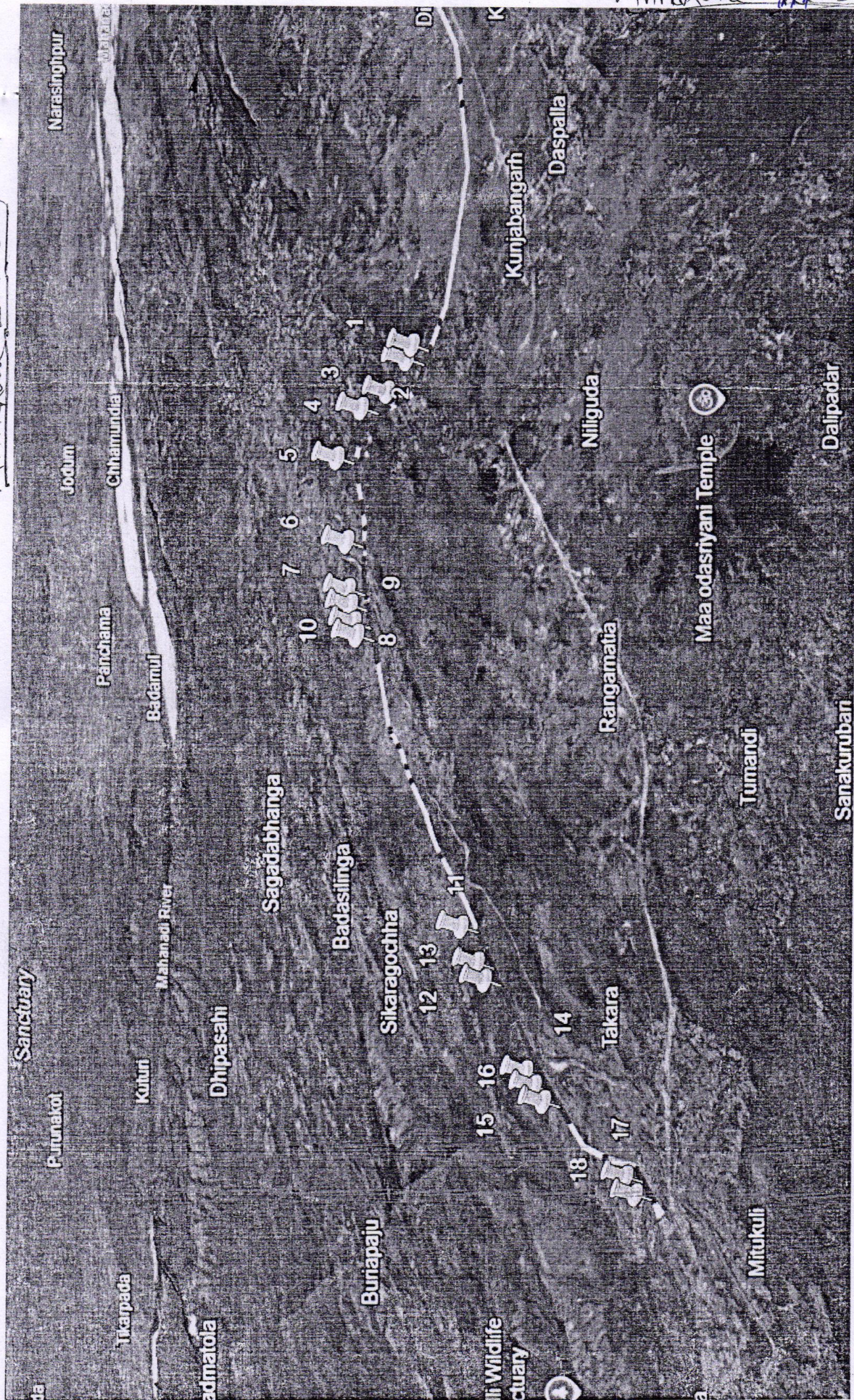
Memo No. 2181 dt. 14/07/2025

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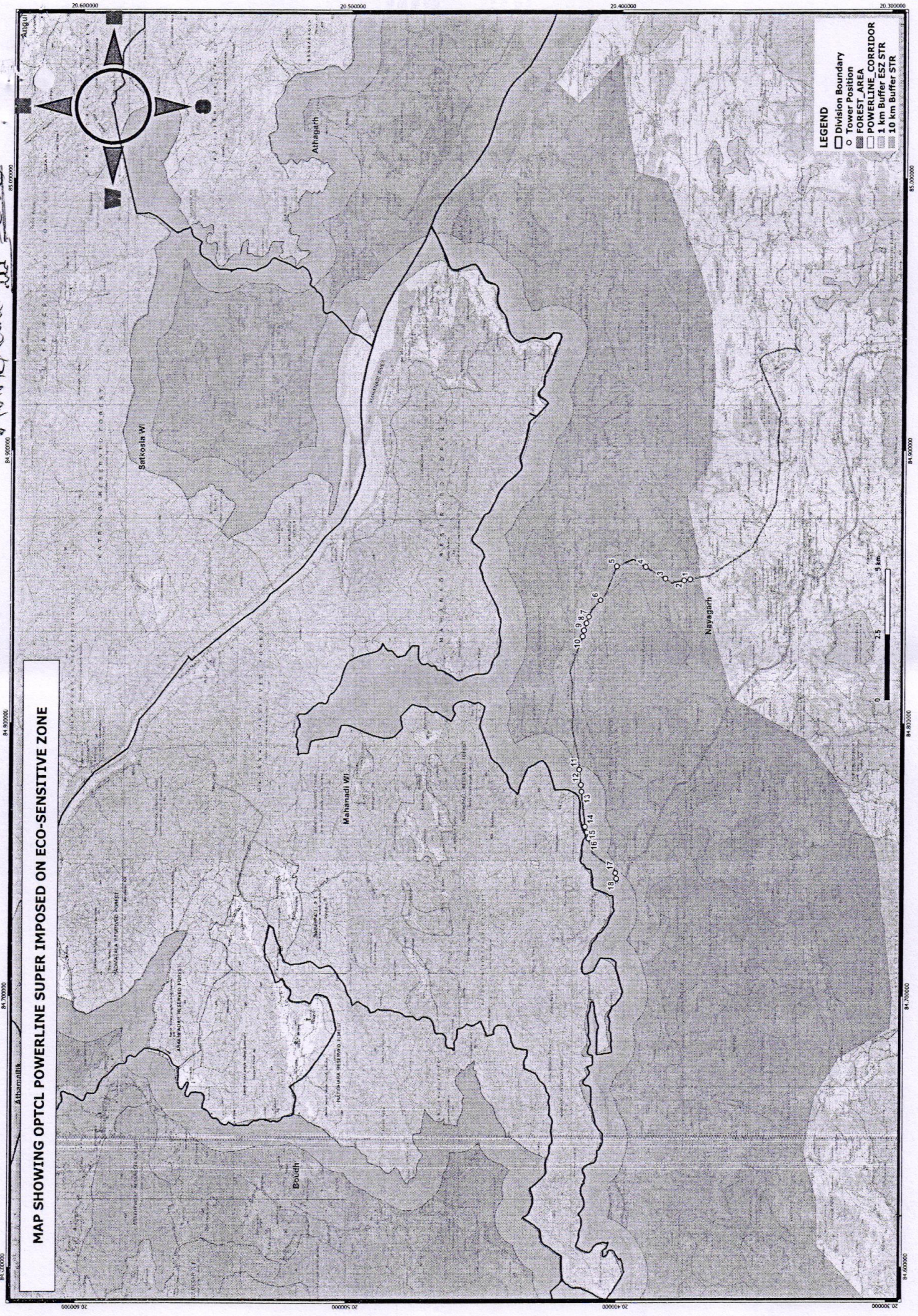
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MAP SHOWING OPTCL POWERLINE SUPER IMPOSED ON ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE



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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; NAYAGARH FOREST DIVISION, NAYAGARH.
Tel No-06753- 252226 (Fax) E-mail dfo.nayagarh@odisha.gov.in

Letter No. 6532 /4F- /2025
Dated, Nayagarh the 21 July., 2025

To

The Dy. GM, Electrical,
OPTCL, Berhampur

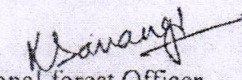
Sub:- Diversion of 23.983 ha. of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV Lilo from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Daspalla Tahasil of Nayagarh district under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha.

Sir,

Referring to the subject cited above, it is to intimate you that the area proposed for the diversion for the construction of 220 KV Lilo from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar-Meramundali to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-Station comes under Eco Sensitive Zone area of Satkosia Tiger Reserve. So the approval from the National Board for Wildlife is required.

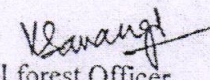
Hence, you are requested to apply for the same before the National Board for Wildlife for further action at this end.

Yours faithfully,


Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

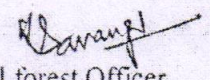
Memo No. 6533 dtd. 21.07.25

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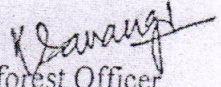
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Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 8535 dtd. 21.07.25

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favour of kind information and necessary.


Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

UNDERTAKING

Date: June 16, 2025

Subject: Undertaking regarding taking necessary permission and approval for wildlife clearance for 220 KV LILO Transmission Line from Bhanjanagar - Meramundali to 220/33 KV Substation Dasapalla.

I, Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT(C) Division, Berhampur, hereby undertake to obtain all necessary approval and wildlife clearance for diversion of 23.983 ha of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO line from existing 220 KV of Bhanjanagar - Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Dasapalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur under Nayagarh Forest Division.

Sydeh
16/06/2025
Deputy General Manager (Elect.),
EHT(C) Division, OPTCL, Berhampur

Dy. General Manager
EHT Construction Division
OPTCL, Berhampur

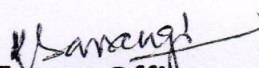
Violated Area in constructed Electric Towers				
Sl No	Tower No	Geo- Co-ordinate		Revenue Forest Area in Ha.
		Latitude	Longitude	
1	1	20.37350	84.85281	0.01214
2	2	20.37573	84.85239	0.01214
3	3	20.38269	84.85308	0.01214
4	4	20.38999	84.85737	0.01214
5	5	20.40080	84.85758	0.01214
6	6	20.40689	84.84522	0.01214
7	7	20.41119	84.83913	0.01214
8	8	20.41208	84.83679	0.01214
9	9	20.41304	84.83413	0.01214
10	10	20.41348	84.83200	0.01214
11	11	20.41441	84.78319	0.01214
12	12	20.41378	84.77758	0.01214
13	13	20.41354	84.77505	0.01214
14	14	20.41224	84.76224	0.01214
15	15	20.41161	84.76013	0.01214
16	16	20.41094	84.75796	0.01214
17	17	20.40079	84.74529	0.01214
18	18	20.40046	84.74318	0.01214
Total Area =				0.21852

Violated area by Stringing Between Towers			
Sl No	Tower No		Revenue Forest Area involved (in Ha.)
	From	To	
1	5	6	1.40972
2	6	7	0.96486
3	7	8	0.62186
4	8	9	0.59686
5	9	10	0.82786
6	10	11	1.62886
7	14	15	0.84572
8	15	16	0.78986
9	16	17	1.21386
10	17	18	0.85586
Total =			9.75532

K. Samant
 Divisional Forest Officer
 Mayagadh Division
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Stringing Violation Between Towers

Sl No	Tower ID		Forest Area involved (in Ha.)
	From	To	
1	5	6	1.434
2	6	7	0.977
3	7	8	0.634
4	8	9	0.609
5	9	10	0.840
6	10	11	1.641
7	14	15	0.870
8	15	16	0.802
9	16	17	1.226
10	17	18	0.868
Total =			9.901


Divisional Forest Officer
Nayagarh Division

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