



Memo No. 2514 /4F (Misc.)-2023.  
Dated, Malkangiri the 26th June, 2023.

To

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

Sub: - Proposal for Diversion of forest land (48.782 Ha.) for Construction of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing Balimela-Malkangiri 220 KV line to Grid Sub-station, Khairput, Govindapalli, Malkangiri District.  
(Proposal No. FP /OR/TRANS/50828/2020)

Ref: - 1. Your Memo No. 1861 dated 23.06.2023.  
2. Memo No. 8577 dated 03.05.2023 of the Conservation of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act., O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

In inviting a kind reference to above memo on the captioned subject, it is to inform you that the required information as pointed out by the GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar for diversion of forest land (48.782 Ha.) for Construction of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing Balimela-Malkangiri 220 KV line to Grid Sub-station, Khairput, Govindapalli, Malkangiri District is furnished below;

- i. ***The State Govt, shall carry out a joint inspection to ascertain actual number of towers erected along with GPS Coordinates and extent of forest area used thereon, in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 involving officials from State Forest Department, Revenue Department and OPTCL.***

As per joint filed inspection of forest division along with staffs of Revenue Department and OPTCL, 146 nos. of towers have been erected by the OPTCL, out of 146 nos. of towers 5 nos. of towers coming under Tarlakota PRF, 53 nos. of towers coming under Revenue Forest and 88 nos. of towers erected in Non-forest area. The Forest area extent for erected of 58 nos of towers (Out of 58 Nos. of Towers, 54 Nos. of towers are without stringing of conductor which includes 0.950 Ha. of Forest area is violated). The forest area extent for conductor stringing between 14 nos. of towers (Sl. No. 130 to 143) is 3.325 ha. (Out of 14 Nos. of erected towers, 4 Nos. of towers are coming under Forest area). The total forest area violation is 0.950 ha.+3.325 ha= 4.275 ha.. The joint inspection report & details of erected towers alongwith GPS Coordinates is enclosed as Annexure-A.

- ii. ***Action taken against the erring officials responsible for violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and legal action taken by the forest and revenue department for the illegal act.***

The Director (HRD), OPTCL, Bhubaneswar has been initiated departmental action against Sri Laxmikanta Panda, Ex-DGM (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, Jeypore with respect to violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide their Letter No. AW-GE-III-127/05/1912 dated 27.06.2022(Copy enclosed as **Annexure-B**).

The undersigned has issued show cause notice against the concerned Forester & Forest Guard as part of departmental proceeding vide this office Memo No. 3893 dated 04.08.2022. The Draft Departmental Proceedings against Sri Samir Kumar Jena, Forester is submitted to your good office vide this office Memo No. 2308 dated 30.05.2023. (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-C**).

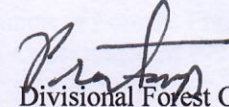
The Tahasildar, Kudumulugumma has issued show cause notice against the Revenue Inspector, Kudumulugumma as part of departmental proceeding vide their Letter No. 98 dated 19.01.2023.(Copy enclosed as **Annexure-D**)

iii. ***When the construction of towers started? Whether the construction work is going on or has been stopped.***

Out of 146 nos. of erected towers, 5 nos. of towers erected in forest area during March, 2019 and balance 141 nos. of towers (53 nos in forest area) erected between April, 2022 to January 2023 by the User Agency. The construction work has been stopped.

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

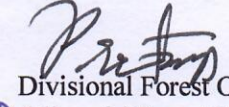
Encl: As above.

 26.06.23  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Malkangiri Forest Division.

Memo No. 25/15/4F.

Dated 26/6/2023

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act., O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for favour of kind information and necessary action.

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Divisional Forest Officer,  
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