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Memo No. 1912 /1F(Project) -68/2023 Dated 28.06.2023

To

The Conservator of Forests(Nodal)
 O/o the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 48.782 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV LILLO Transmission line from existing LoC No.70 of 220 KV Malkangiri- Balimela Transmission line to existing 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station, Khairput, Govindpalli under Malkangiri Forest Division in Malkangiri district by OPTCL, EHT Construction Division, Jeypore, Odisha.- **GoI observations regarding. (Proposal No. FP/OR/TRANS/50828/2020).**

Ref: Your Memo No. 8577 /9F(Trans)-369/2021 dt 03.05.2023.

In inviting a reference to your above cited memo on the subject, it is to inform that the DFO, Malkangiri Forest Division vide his Memo No.2514 dt 26.06.2023 (copy enclosed) has furnished the required compliance on the observations of GOI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar vide their Letter No.5-ORA-487/2021-BHU dt 28.04.2023. The compliance is submitted herewith in triplicate as follows-

Observation No.1-The state Govt. shall carry out a joint inspection to ascertain actual number of towers erected along with GPS co-ordinates and extent of forest area user thereon in violation of F.C. Act, 1980 involving officials from state Forest Department, Revenue Department and OPTCL.

Compliance- The DFO reports that after joint field inspection by Forest and Revenue department officials with OPTCL staff it is known that 146 numbers of towers have been erected (5 Nos. towers in Tarlakota PRF + 53 Nos. towers in Revenue Forest + 88 Nos. towers in Non-Forest area). The total forest area under violation is 4.275 ha. The copy of joint field inspection report with details of erected towers along with GPS Co-ordinates is enclosed as **Annexure-A.**

Observation No.2- Action taken against the erring officials responsible for violation of F.C.Act, 1980 and legal action taken by the Forest and Revenue Department for the illegal act.

Compliance- For the violation of F.C. Act, 1980 , the DFO reports that the Director (HRD), OPTCL , Bhubaneswar vide Letter No.AW-GE-III-127/05/1912 dt 27.06.2022 has initiated departmental action against Sri Laxmikanta Panda, Ex-DGM(Elect), EHT Construction Division, Jeypore. Copy of letter towards such departmental action is enclosed as **Annexure-B.**


The DFO, Malkangiri Division has issued show cause notice against the concerned Forester and Forest Guard as part of Departmental proceedings vide his Memo No.3893 dt 04.08.2022. The DFO vide his Memo No.2308 dt 30.05.2023 has submitted the Draft Departmental proceedings against Sri Samir Kumar Jena, Forester to RCCF, Koraput Circle. The copy of such actions is enclosed as **Annexure-C.**

The DFO reports that the Tahasildar, Kudumuluguma vide Letter No.98 dt 19.01.2033 has issued show cause notice against Revenue Inspector, Kudumuuguna as part of departmental proceedings the copy of which is enclosed as Annexure-D.

Observation No.3- When the construction of towers started ? Whether the construction work is going on or has been stopped.


Compliance- The DFO reports that out of 58 numbers of erected towers in forest area 5 Nos of towers has been erected during March, 2019 and 53 Nos. of towers has been erected between April, 2022 to January, 2023 by the user agency . Moreover the DFO reports that the construction work has been stopped.

- Encl: 1. Copy of Memo No.2514 dt 26.06.2023 of DFO, Malkangiri Division.
2. Compliance with Annexure- A to Annexure-D.(03 sets).


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Koraput Circle, Koraput

Memo No. 1913 / Dated 28-06.2023

Copy forwarded to the DFO, Malkangiri Forest Division for information with reference to his Memo No.2514 /4F(Misc) dt 26.06.2023.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests
Koraput Circle, Koraput