



Through e-mail

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, BHUBANESWAR CIRCLE
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Memo No. 2415 / 4F (Misc.) - 45 / 2025.
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 30 July, 2025.

To

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

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.

Ref:

- 1) Your Memo No.15423 dt.21.07.2025.
- 2) Memo No.6847 dt.29.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.

In inviting a reference to the above cited correspondence on the captioned subject, it is to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Forest Division has forwarded the compliance in respect of **Point No.1, 3 & 4** submitted by the Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (C) Division, OPTCL, Berhampur on the shortcomings noticed vide memo under reference on EDS raised by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide Letter No.5-ORC562/2023-BHU dtd.10.06.2025 to this office.

The point wise compliance submitted by the User Agency and forwarded by Divisional Forest Officer is furnished here under.

EDS Point No.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- Collector, Nayagarh has been requested vide letter No.9158 dt.16.11.2024 & letter No. 6760 dt.28.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division to provide the name of erring officials responsible for violation (GP wise village wise) & action taken against them. (copy enclosed as **Annexure-I**).

EDS Point No.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- Enclosing the KML file of the OPTCL power line superimposed on the Eco-sensitive zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve (Mahanadi Wildlife Division), it is to report that the line comes within the Eco-sensitive zone of the Tiger Reserve.

Hence, approval from National Board for Wildlife is required for processing. Accordingly, the User Agency has been instructed to apply before NBWL vide Memo No.6532 dt.21.07.2025. (copy enclosed as **Annexure-II**).

EDS Point No.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- The separate list of area violated for erecting tower & stringing of wire is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

The aforesaid pointwise compliance of the conditions on the shortcomings noticed vide memo under reference on the EDS raised by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi received from the DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and needful action at your end.

Encl: As above.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 2416 dt. 30.7.2025

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information with reference to Memo No.6849 dt.29.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 2417 dt. 30.7.2025

Copy submitted to the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE & CC Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information with reference to Memo No.6850 dt.29.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

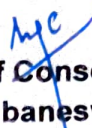
Memo No. 2418 dt. 30.07.2025

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh Forest Division for information with reference to her office Memo No.6847 dt.29.07.2025.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

Memo No. 2419 dt. 30.07.2025

Copy forwarded to Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (C) Division, OPTCL, At-Sanakushathali, Po-Badakushathali, Berhampur, Odisha pin-76007 for information & necessary action with reference to Memo No.6851 dt.29.07.2025 of DFO, Nayagarh Forest Division.


Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhubaneswar Circle

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER; NAYAGARH FOREST DIVISION, NAYAGARH

Tel No-06753- 252226 (Fax) E-mail dfo_nayagarh@Odisha.gov.in

Memo No. 6847

/4F- /2025

Dated, Nayagarh, the

29 July, 2025.

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
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 23.983ha of Revenue Forest land for construction 220 KV Lilo Line from Existing 220 KV of Bhanjangar-Meramundali DC Line to 220/33 KV Grid Substation at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s Odisha Power Trasmission Corporation Ltd. under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha. (Online Proposal No. FP/OR/TRANS/146005/2021)-reg.

Ref:- Your Memo No. 15424 dtd. 21.07.2025.

In inviting a reference to the above cited memo on the captioned subject, I am submitting herewith the compliance in respect of point No. 1, 3 & 4 for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Point No.	EDS by MoEF& CC	Compliance
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.	Collector, Nayagarh has been requested vide this office letter No. 9158 dtd. 16.11.2024 & letter No. 6760 dtd 28.07.2025 to provide the name of erring officials responsible for violation (GP wise village wise) & action taken against them. (copy enclosed as Annexure-I).
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.	Enclosing the KML file of the OPTCL power line superimposed on the Eco-sensitive zone of Satkosia Tiger Reserve (Mahanadi Wildlife Division), it is to report that the line comes within the Eco-sensitive zone of the Tiger Reserve. Hence, approval from National Board for Wildlife is required for the same to process. For this, the User Agency has been instructed to apply before NBWL vide memo No. 6532 dtd. 21.07.2025. (copy enclosed as Annexure-II).

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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 involved in violation shall be accordingly intimated.	The separate list of area violated for erecting tower & straining of wire is enclosed as Annexure-III.
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K. Sarangi
Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

Memo No. 6848 dt. 29-07-25

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.

K. Sarangi
Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

Memo No. 6849 dt. 29-07-25

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information & necessary action.

K. Sarangi
Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

Memo No. 6850 dt. 29-07-25

Copy forwarded to the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE & CC Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information & necessary action.

K. Sarangi
Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

Memo No. 6851 dt. 29-07-25

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

K. Sarangi
Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

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Annexure-1

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.

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.

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

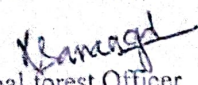
Sir,

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.

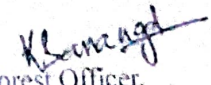
Enclosing the detail list of Tahasil and village wise violation noticed in the Revenue Forest Land of Nayagarh District, it is requested to produce the name of the erring officials who are responsible for the violation in the revenue forest land and the action taken against them to this office for taking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

Encl:- As above.

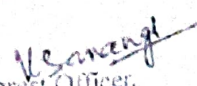
Yours faithfully,


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.


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.


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. Sarangi
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. Sarangi
Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

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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 Dspalla 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.

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Nayagarh Division.

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Nayagarh Division.

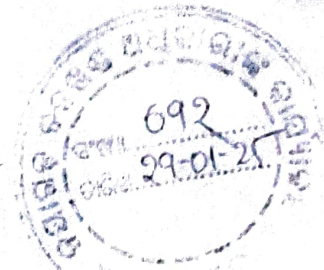
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Divisional Forest Officer,
Nayagarh Division.

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To

COLLECTORATE, NAYAGARH
(Revenue Section)

No. 382 dt. 28/01/25 ✓



The Divisional Forest Officer, Nayagarh.

Sub:- Diversion of 23.983 ha. of revenue Forest land for construction of 220KV LILLO 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. 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 LILLO 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,

28.01.25
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.

28.01.25
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.

28.01.25
Addl. District Magistrate,
Nayagarh

mail by 20.01.2025 247

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

Annexure - II ✓

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

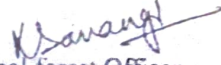
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Sir,

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.

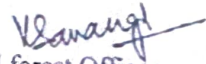
Hence, you are requested to apply for the same before the National Board for Wildlife for further action at this end.

Yours faithfully,


Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 6533 dtd. 21.04.25

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.


Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

Memo No. 6534 dtd. 21.07.25

Copy forwarded to the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.


Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

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Memo No. 6535 dtd. 21.07.25

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

V. Sarangi
Divisional forest Officer,
Nayagarh division.

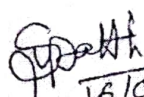
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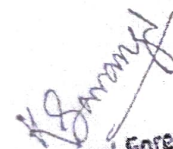
Date: June 16, 2025

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.


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

Dy. General Manager
EHT Construction Division
OPTCL, Berhampur


Divisional Forest Officer
Nayagarh Division

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. S. Srinivasan
 Divisional Forest Officer
 Nayagarh Division

MAP SHOWING OPTCL POWERLINE SUPER IMPOSED ON ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE

