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FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

Memo No. 8796 /FE&CC, Date 29.04.23

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Copy of Government of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar vide Letter No.5-ORA487/2021-BHU dtd.28.04.2023 on the matter of diversion of 48.782 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing LoC No.70 of 220 KV Malkangiri - Balimela Transmission Line to existing 220/33 KV GRID S/S Khairput, Gobindapalli under Malkangiri Forest Division in Malkangiri District by OPTCL, EHT Construction Division, Jeypore, Odisha forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and necessary action.

It is requested to furnish the required information as sought for by Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar in the aforesaid letter directly to the Ministry under intimation to this Department.

dy. Secy
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

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Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

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Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Koraput Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Malkangiri Forest Division for information and necessary action.

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government



Memo No. 8799 / FE&CC, Date 29.04.23

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to Energy Department/ R&DM Department/ Collector, Malkangiri / Collector, Koraput for information and necessary action.

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OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 8800 / FE&CC Date 29.04.23

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (Construction) Division, OPTCL, Jeypore, Odisha, Pin-764001 for information and necessary action.

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28th April, 2023

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Deptt.,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar – 751 001.

Sub: Diversion of 48.782 ha of forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO Transmission line from existing LoC No.70 of 220 KV Malkangiri – Balimela Transmission line to existing 220/33 KV Grid S/S Khairput, Gobindapalli under Malkangiri Forest Division in Malkangiri District by OPTCL, EHT Construction Division, Jeypore, Odisha.

Ref: PCCF&HoFF, Odisha's letter No.3750/9F (Trans.)367/2021 dated 27.02.2023.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the REC deliberated upon the proposal along with the reply submitted by the State Govt. in its meeting held on 18.04.2023. The DFO, Malkangiri and RCCF, Koraput have reported that the user agency has constructed 4 (four) nos. of Web Towers in Tarlakota PRF proposed to be diverted during 2018-19 and 1 (one) no. of Web Tower in Revenue forest area. But, while examining the proposal on DSS, the Committee observed that more than 20 towers have been erected over the proposed forest land. So, the exact number of towers constructed on the proposed forest land and forest area brought under non-forestry use could not be ascertained. The Committee decided to defer the proposal and desired to seek the following information from the State Govt.

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) When the construction of towers started? Whether the construction work is going on or has been stopped.

It is therefore requested to furnish information on the above observation of the REC to this office for further processing of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.
2. The Deputy General Manager (Elect), EHT (Construction), OPTCL, Jeypore – 764001, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

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