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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 5.127 ha of forest land (4.837 ha relating to Athamallik Division + 0.29 ha relating to Boudh Division) for construction of 132/33 KV transmission line from Grid Substation, Boudh to proposed 220/132/3 KV Grid Substation at Kiakata by Deputy General Manager (Elect), EHT Construction Division, OPTCL, Angul.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0013-2024-2675/FE&CC dated 20.02.2024

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the State Govt. vide letter under reference has submitted the above mentioned proposal to this office seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. On scrutiny of the proposal, the following has been observed.

1) The DFO, Boudh has reported that no violation has been committed by the user agency under FC Act, 1980. However, as per DSS report, one tower has been erected over forest land in violation of FC Act, 1980. Detail extent of forest land used and action taken report by Revenue authority against the erring Revenue officials and the user agency responsible for causing diversion of forest land may be furnished.

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

Padma Mahant

Yours faithfully.

(Dr. Padma Mahanti)

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 Division, OPTCL, Angul, Odisha.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)