



No.5-ORC328/2017-BHU

5th March, 2018

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Deptt.,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 18.5 ha of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV/SC Transmission line from 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Balimela to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Malkangiri in Malkangiri district, Odisha by M/s Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)69/2017-22956/F&E dated 09.11.2017.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform that the proposal was again discussed in REC meeting held on 20.02.2018, and during deliberation of proposal, it has come to light that transmission line has been constructed on the forest land without approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Considering the fact that the project is a public utility project in LWE district, the Committee approved the proposal for grant of in-principle approval with usual standard conditions and imposition of penalty as laid down in the Ministry guidelines issued vide letter No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29.01.2018 as may be applicable. The Committee also decided that the Stage-I/in-principle approval shall be issued after submission of the details of commencement and completion (if already completed) of transmission line in forest area by the user agency through the State Govt.

It is therefore requested to kindly furnish the reply to the observations made by REC at the earliest for further necessary action at this end.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Mohapatra)

Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

1. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, C.S. Pur, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.
2. The Deputy Manager (Elect.), EHT (C) Division, M/s Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., Jeypore, Dist: Koraput, Odisha-764 001 for information and necessary action.

Conservator of Forests (Central)

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दिनांक / Dated. 6.3.18.

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