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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.13934/9F (Trans)369/2021 dated 12.07.2023.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 27.07.2023. The REC deliberated upon the proposal along with the reply submitted by the State Govt. The Committed observed that total 58 nos. of towers have been erected by the user agency over forest land out of which 5 nos. are in Tarlakota PRF and 53 Nos. in Revenue Forest and total extent of forest land under violation is reported to 4.275 ha. The Committee also observed that State Govt. has not intimated regarding action taken under Orissa Forest Act, 1972 and OPLE Act for unauthorized use of forest land.

The Committee decided to defer the proposal and seek information from State Govt. regarding detail action taken under Orissa Forest Act, 1972 and OPLE Act for unauthorized use of forest land both in the notified forest as well as in the revenue forest.

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,

(Dr. T.H. Mahato)
Scientist 'D'

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.

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