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31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 30.469 ha (Phulbani Division 19.563 ha + Boudh Division 10.906 ha) of forest land for construction of 132/33 KV DC line on DC tower from existing 132/33 KV Phulbani Grid Sub-Station to 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station at Boudh by OPTCL, Angul, Odisha.

Ref: State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0072-2023-16851/FE&CC dated 08.08.2023

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 29.08.2023. The REC deliberated upon the proposal and examined the proposal in DSS. The DFO, Boudh reported that the construction of transmission line on tower has been completed in the Revenue forest area to be diverted since one month without forest clearance. The DFO, Boudh has furnished Geo co-ordinates of 10 nos. of towers constructed within the forest land. The DFO, Phulbani has reported that no violation has been committed by the user agency under FC Act, 1980. However, as per DSS analysis the user agency has constructed 30 nos. of towers in forest land without forest clearance. Out of 30 towers erected, 11 towers are in Boudh Division and 19 nos. of towers are in Phulbani Division. The Committee decided to defer the proposal and seek information from the State Govt. on the following points.

- 1) The State Govt. shall carry out a joint inspection involving forest, revenue and OPTCL officials 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.
- 2) Detail action taken report on violation of FC Act, 1980 in both Boudh and Phulbani Division with name and designation of erring officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose may be furnished.

It is therefore requested to furnish above information 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 Dy. General Manager (Elect), EHT (Construction) Division, OPTCL, Angul-759143, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)