



No.5-ORC562/2023-BHU

19th September, 2023

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 23.983 ha of revenue forest land for construction of 220 KV LILO line from existing Bhanjanagar-Meramundali DC line to 220/33 KV Grid Sub-station at Daspalla from village Madhyakhanda to Gopalpur by M/s OPTCL under Nayagarh Forest Division of Nayagarh District, Odisha.

Ref: PCCF & HoFF, Odisha's letter No.12245/9F (Trans)-416/2021 dated 13.06.2023 and No.18175 dated 07.09.2023.

Sir,

With subject and reference cited above, I am directed to inform that the point wise compliance submitted by the State Govt. vide letter under reference was examined and observed the following.

- 1) The DFO, Nayagarh reported that no violation has been committed by the user agency under F.C. Act, 1980. However, as per DSS analysis, the user agency has constructed 18 nos. of towers over proposed forest land without forest clearance. Detail action taken report on violation of FC Act, 1980 along with name and designation of erring officials responsible for violation causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose may be furnished.
- 2) Agricultural activities, artificial structures and a major metallic road are observed in CA patch at Nuagaon village. This may be clarified by the State Govt. in view of the suitability of CA land and encroachment free land.

It is therefore requested to furnish the above desired information 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-751023 for kind information and necessary action.
- 2) The Dy. General Manager (Elect), EHT (C) Division, OPTCL, Sanakushathali, PO: Bada kushathali, Berhampur-760007, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)