

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

No. FE-DIV-FLD-0031-2023- 10335 /FE&CC, Bhubaneswar, dated the 14 MAY 2026
10F (Cons) 23/2023

ORDER

Sub: Final (Stage-II) approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 4.042 ha (originally proposed for 4.078 ha) of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission Line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by M/s OPTCL.

WHEREAS, the Deputy General Manager (Elect), EHT Construction Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar, At-Baladev Jew Colony, Lane No.8, Jagannathpur, Po-Keonjhar, Odisha, Pin-758001 had applied for diversion of 4.078 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by OPTCL.

And whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, Regional Office, Odisha had accorded '**Stage-I/ in-principle**' approval for diversion of 4.078 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by M/s OPTCL, subject to fulfilment of the conditions as laid down therein vide letter dtd.30.08.2023 (**Annexure-I**).

And whereas, basing on the report of Addl. PCCF (FD&NO, FCA), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, the MoEF&CC, RO, Bhubaneswar was requested to consider the online proposal in Form-H for modification of Stage-I order for diversion of 4.042 ha non-forest land instead of 4.078 ha and modification of Condition No.1.1 (2), 3.1 (1), 3.1 (2) therein vide this Department Letter No.32039/FE&CC, dtd.28.10.2025.

And whereas, after due consideration of the revised proposal, the MoEF&CC vide letter dtd.14.11.2025 (**Annexure-II**) have conveyed approval for **modification of the Stage-I** approval order dtd.30.08.2023.

And whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, in consideration of the compliance of the conditions of the 'Stage-I/ in-principle' approval, have granted "**Stage-II/ final**" approval under Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 4.042 ha (originally proposed for 4.078 ha) of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District,

Odisha by OPTCL, subject to fulfilment of the conditions as stipulated therein vide letter dtd. 20.04.2026 (**Annexure-III**) & letter dtd. 05.05.2026 (**Annexure-IV**).

Now, therefore, the Government of Odisha, do hereby allow non-forestry use of 4.042 ha (originally proposed for 4.078 ha) of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by OPTCL, as per approved land schedule.

The Collector, Mayurbhanj & Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division, as the case may be are hereby authorized to handover the forest land coming within their jurisdiction, as has been finally diverted after necessary compliance following due procedure of law. Before handing over the diverted forest land to the user agency, it shall be ensured that Net Present Value of the forest land for this project for which approval has been obtained shall be deposited in full, at applicable rates.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division is also directed to monitor compliance to the conditions stipulated for such diversion in the respective forest/ wildlife clearance order and to report violations, if any, to the Nodal Officer, O/o Principal Chief Conservator Forests & HoFF, Odisha and to the Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department.

Execution of project activities will be subject to availability of all other statutory clearances required under relevant Acts/ Rules for this project, deposit of requisite funds and compliance of Court's order, if any.

By order of the Governor

(Swayam Mallick)

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 10336 /FE&CC Date 14 MAY 2026

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha for kind information and necessary follow up action.

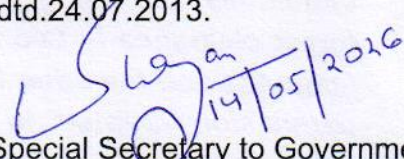
Appropriate instruction to the Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division and user agency may be imparted for required follow up action at their end. It may be ensured by the Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division that Net Present Value of the forest land involved in this project of the user agency is deposited by them in appropriate head in full, at applicable rates. The user agency may also be instructed to furnish compliance to the conditions of forest/ wildlife clearance pertaining to the project in every quarter to the Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division for facilitating monitoring of compliances.

Memo No. 10337 /FE&CC Date 14 MAY 2026

Special Secretary to Government

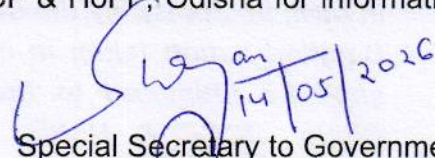
Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Asst. Inspector General of

Forests, Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003/ Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF&CC, Government of India, Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-23 for kind information and necessary follow up action in compliance to the order of Hon'ble NGT dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.07/2012 communicated by the MoEF, Government of India vide their letter F. No.7-23/2012- FC dtd.24.07.2013.


Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 10338 /FE&CC Date 14 MAY 2026

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha/ Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

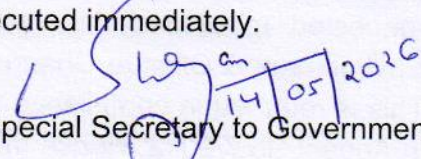

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 10339 /FE&CC Date 14 MAY 2026

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Field Director, STR-cum-Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Baripada Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division for information and immediate necessary compliance.

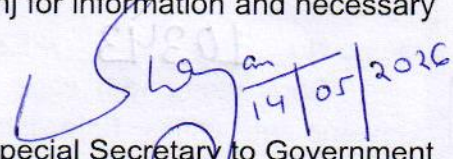
It may be ensured by the Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division that Net Present Value of the forest land involved in this project of the user agency shall be deposited by them in full, at applicable rates in appropriate head before handing over of the forest land to the user agency. Besides, funds, if any, due to be deposited by the user agency for this project shall also be deposited by the project proponent before the forest land is handed over to them. The user agency may also be instructed to furnish compliance to the conditions of forest/ wildlife clearance pertaining to the project in every quarter to the Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division for facilitating monitoring of compliances by them.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division is also instructed to ensure that the directions given to the user agency are executed immediately.


Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 10340 /FE&CC Date 14 MAY 2026

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to Energy Department/ Revenue & Disaster Management Department/ Collector, Mayurbhanj for information and necessary follow up action.


Special Secretary to Government

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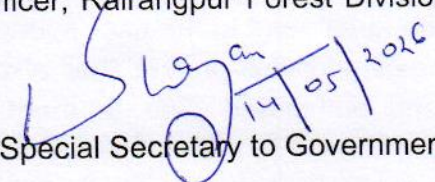
Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (Elect), EHT Construction Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar, At-Baladev Jew Colony, Lane No.8, Jagannathpur, PO-Keonjhar, Odisha, Pin-758001 for information and immediate necessary action.

The user agency is asked to take following actions immediately as per orders of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.07/2012 communicated by the MoEF, Government of India vide their letter F. No.7-23/2012-FC dtd.24.07.2013.

- i. ***They shall publish the entire forest clearance granted in verbatim along with conditions and safeguards imposed by the Central Government in Stage-I/II forest clearance in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and the other in English language so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the Project for use of forest land for non-forest purposes.***
- ii. ***They shall submit the copies of forest clearance orders granted by the Central Government/State Government to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal bodies along with the relevant offices of the State Government, who in turn, shall display the same for 30 days from date of receipt.***
- iii. ***Detailed action taken in compliance to the above order of State Government shall be intimated to the DFO, Rairangpur/ FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle/ PCCF & HoFF, Odisha/ Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for reference.***

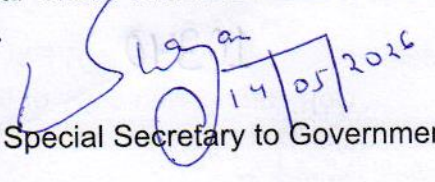
Besides the above, the user agency is also asked to deposit Net Present Value of forest land for this project in full, if not deposited yet, at applicable rates. Requisite funds due for deposit by the user agency on account of this project shall also be deposited under appropriate head.

The user agency shall furnish compliances to the conditions prescribed in the forest/wildlife clearance order to the Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division in every quarter, for the purpose of monitoring by him.


Special Secretary to Government

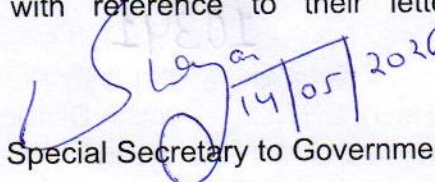
Memo No. 10342 /FE&CC Date 14 MAY 2026

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Head, State Portal, I.T. Centre, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action. He is requested to upload this order along with its enclosures in the website of Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department immediately for information of all concerned. This is required in compliance to order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dtd.07.11.2012 in Appeal No.7/2012. Hence this may be done unfailingly.


Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 10343 /FE&CC Date 14 MAY 2026

Copy along with copy of the Annexures forwarded to the Deputy Secretary to Government, Office Establishment Section, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department for information and necessary action with reference to their letter No.12939/F&E dtd.16.07.2016.


Special Secretary to Government



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Regional Office, Odisha



Online Proposal No.: FP/OR/TRANS/405424/2022



Dated: 30/08/2023

To,

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

Subject:

Diversion of 4.078 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by M/s OPTCL.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0031-2023-5855/FE&CC dated 31.03.2023 and PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha letter No.17488/9F(Trans)-320 /2023 dated 29.08.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change hereby conveys '*Stage-I/in-principle*' approval for diversion of 4.078 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by M/s OPTCL, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions.

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	1. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged. 2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 4.50 of Revenue non-forest land identified in Plot No.797 (P), Khata No.96 in Mouza Tulasibani under Bijatala Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District of Rairangpur Forest Division within one year from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency. The species to

S. No	Conditions
	be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals. 3. At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. 4. The base of towers in forest area to be fenced with barbed wire to avoid elephant electrocution/death of wild animals especially in forest areas. The concerned DFO shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be along with the leg of the towers. 5. In hilly slope areas, sufficient ground clearance has to be maintained with additional height of towers in consideration of the sag and swing of lines and height of elephants to stop untoward incidence of electrocution as per existing guidelines of MoEF&CC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014. 6. Joint patrolling shall be carried out by Forest Department & Electricity Department to detect sagging of the electric line periodically. 7. The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits. 8. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department. 9. The user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014. 10. The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1980, if applicable. 11. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas. 12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work. 13. The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner. 14. The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. 15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. 16. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. 17. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused. 18. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to

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	ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area. 19. The user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year. 20. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency. 21. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. 22. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

2. Standard conditions

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	1. The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 4.078 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned. 2. The identified Revenue non-forest land for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. 3. The land identified for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Topo sheet of 1 : 50,000 scale. 4. The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be. 5. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years. 6. The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed

S. No	Conditions
	scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal species) in right of way under the transmission line, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme by the State Forest Department. 7. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance. 8. The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). 9. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificates from the concerned District Collector. 10. The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.

3. After receipt of the report on compliance to the conditions stipulated above, from the State Government of Odisha, final/Stage-II approval for diversion of the said forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be issued by this Ministry. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Government of Odisha till final/Stage-II approval for its diversion is issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

4. "The State Govt. or a Senior Office not below the Rank of a Divisional Forest Officer, having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be diverted, duly authorized in this behalf by the State Govt. can pass an order for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year. Such order shall be passed only after full realization of funds for compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), Wildlife conservation Plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants, and all other compensatory levies, specified in the Stage-I (in-principle) approval from the User Agency, and where ever applicable, transfer and mutation of non-forest/revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department" as stipulated in Para 11.2 of Chapter-11 of Handbook of Guidelines issued under F.C. Act, 1980 vide Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

Copy To

1. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The CCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
3. The Dy. General Manager (Elect), EHT (Construction) Division, OPTCL, At: Baladev Jew Colony, Lane No.8, Jagannathpur, Keonjhar-758001, Odisha.

Signature Not Verified

Digitally Signed by : PADMA MAHANTI
Deputy Inspector General of Forest, IRO
(Padma Mahanti)

Date: 30/08/2023
Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Regional Office, Odisha



Online Proposal No.:
FP/OR/PWR_TRANS/544758/2025



Dated: 14/11/2025

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar – 751 001.

Subject:

Sub:- Modification of Stage-I conditions pertaining to the proposal (FP/OR/TRANS/405424/2022) for diversion of 4.078 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station (RTSS), Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by OPTCL – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0031-2023-32039/FE&CC dated 28.10.2025 and Online proposal No.FP/OR/PWR_TRANS/544758/2025 on the above mentioned subject wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under Section 2 (1)(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for modification of “in-principle” approval conditions No.1.1(2), 3.1.(1) & for revision of the diverted area from 4.078 ha to 4.042 ha, as per the *in-principle* approval issued vide letter No. FP/OR/TRANS/405424/2022 dated 30.08.2023.

After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change hereby conveys the approval to the following:

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	The Area in the proposed diversion shall be read as 4.042 ha.
1.2	Condition No.1.1(2) may be read as follows: The Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 4.5 ha of non-forest land identified in Plot No.1159/1379, Khata No.95, Mouza Tulasiba under Bijatala Tahsil of Mayurbhanj District of Rairangpur Forest Division

S. No	Conditions
	within one year from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency. The species to be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.
1.3	Condition No.3.1(2) may be read as follows: The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 4.078 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 6.01.2022 and 19.01.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.

2. Standard conditions

3. Specific Conditions

All other conditions stipulated in the original "in-principle" approval shall remain unchanged.

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1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Authority CAMPA, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, 3rd Floor, Supreme Court Metro Station Building, New Delhi-110 001.
2. The IGF (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110 003.
3. The APCCF-Cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest & Environment Department, Government of Sikkim, Forest Secretariat, Deorali, Gangtok - 737102.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division, Odisha.
5. The Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (Construction) Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar, At- Baldevjew Colony, Lane No.-8, Jagannathpur, P.O. Keonjhar.
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Digitally Signed by : Shri Sujoy Dutta
Technical Officer, IPCC's faithfully

Date: 14/11/2025 (Sujoy Dutta)
Assistant Commissioner (Forestry)



Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Regional Office, Bhubaneswar



Online Proposal No.:
FP/OR/PWR_TRANS/544758/2025



Dated: 20/04/2026

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar – 751 001.

Subject:

Final (Stage-II) approval of Central Government under Section 2(1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for modification of Stage-I conditions pertaining to the proposal (FP/OR/TRANS/405424/2022) for diversion of 4.078 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station (RTSS), Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by OPTCL – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to PCCF & HoFF, Odisha letter No. 12061/9F(TRANS)-320/2023 dated 03.06.2025 and State Govt. letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0031-2023-32039/FE&CC dated 28.10.2025 and Online Proposal No.FP/OR/PWR_TRANS/544758/2025, wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for modification of “in-principle” approval conditions No.1.1(2), 3.1(1) and revision of the proposed for diversion area from 4.078 ha to 0.042 ha, as per the in-principle approval issued vide letter No.FP/OR/TRANS/405424/2022 DATED 30.08.2023, was sought in accordance with Section-2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the *in-principle* approval for modification of above conditions was accorded by Ministry vide this office letter No.FP/OR/PWR_TRANS/544758/2025 dated 14.11.2025, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested to grant final approval of the proposal.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha vide their letter No.6655/9F (Trans)-320/2023 dated 30.03.2026 and submission of the compliance report by the State Govt. in *Parivesh* web portal on 09.04.2026, **Stage-II/final** approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is hereby granted under Section 2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for modification of the conditions No.1.1(2) and 3.1(1) of in-principle approval dated 30.08.2023, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	The area in the proposed diversion shall be 4.042 ha of forest land.
1.2	The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will raise Compensatory afforestation over 4.50 ha of Revenue non forest land identified in Plot No.1159/1379, Khata No.98/2 of Mouza Tulasibani under Bijatala Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District under Rairangpur Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency. The species to be planted in the CA scheme shall be of native species of the area. At least 18 month old seedlings should be planted. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.
1.3	The State Government shall submit the compliance report of the original proposal (No.FP/OR/TRANS/405424/2022) under Form-A on the PARIVESH 2.0 portal for final approval of the said proposal.

2. Standard conditions

3. Specific Conditions

Copy To

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3. The APCCF-Cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest & Environment Department, Government of Sikkim, Forest Secretariat, Deorali, Gangtok - 737102.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division, Odisha.
5. The Deputy General Manager (Elect.), EHT (Construction) Division, OPTCL, Keonjhar, At- Baldevjew Colony, Lane No.-8, Jagannathpur, P.O. Keonjhar.
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Signature Not Verified

Digitally Signed by : Shri Vasanta Kiran Babu
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C)

Date: 20/04/2026
Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)



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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Regional Office, Bhubaneswar



Online Proposal No.: FP/OR/TRANS/405424/2022



Dated: 05/05/2026

To,

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

Subject:

Final (Stage-II) approval of Central Government under Section 2(1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 4.042 ha (originally proposed for 4.078 ha) of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by M/s OPTCL.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No. FE-DIV-FLD-0031-2023-5855/FE&CC dated 31.03.2023, PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha letter No.17488/9F(Trans)-320/2023 dated 29.08.2023, No.12061 dated 03.06.2025 and No.32039/FE&CC dated 28.10.2025 and Online Proposal No.FP/OR/TRANS/405424/2022, wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for non-forestry use of 4.042 ha (originally proposed for 4.078 ha) of forest land for construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by M/s OPTCL, was sought in accordance with Section-2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the *in-principle* approval for diversion of the said forest land was accorded by Ministry vide this office letter No. FP/OR/TRANS/405424/2022 dated 30.08.2023 and modification of Stage-I approval conditions vide letter No.FP/OR/PWR_TRANS/544758/2025 dated 14.11.2025, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the *in-principle* approval and has requested to grant final approval of the proposal.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Odisha vide their letter No.6655/9F (Trans)-320/2023 dated 30.03.2026 and submission of the compliance report by the State Govt. in *Parivesh* web portal on 23.04.2026, **Stage-II/final** approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is hereby granted under Section 2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 4.042 ha (originally proposed for 4.078 ha) of forest land for construction of 132 KV

Transmission Line from 132/33 KV Grid Sub-Station, Rairangpur to proposed Railway Transmission line Sub-Station at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha by M/s OPTCL, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	The State Govt. shall ensure that the legal status of diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
1.2	The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
1.3	The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will raise compensatory afforestation over 4.50 ha of non-forest land identified in Plot No.1159/1379, Khata No.95 in Mouza Tulasibani under Bijatala Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District of Rairangpur Forest Division within two years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department, at the cost of user agency.
1.4	The State Govt. shall ensure the compliance on FRA, 2006 as per Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules and guidelines issued from time to time before handing over of the diverted forest land to user agency.
1.5	The State Govt. shall ensure that the KML files of the area to be diverted and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before handing over of the diverted forest land to the user agency.
1.6	The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.
1.7	The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department shall carry out plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line, within two years from the issue of approval as per approved plan/scheme and maintained thereafter, from the funds deposited by the user agency in CAMPA account.
1.8	The State Govt. shall ensure that the base of towers in forest area shall be fenced with barbed wire so as to avoid elephant electrocution/death of wild animals especially in forest areas. The concerned DFO shall inspect the area and shall take a decision as to the specific towers which shall be fenced with barbed wire.

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1.9	The State Govt. shall ensure that in hilly slope areas, sufficient ground clearance has to be maintained with additional height of towers in consideration of the sag and swing of lines and height of elephants to stop untoward incidence of electrocution as per existing guidelines of MoEF&CC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014.
1.10	The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
1.11	The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals.
1.12	The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that no approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the user agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the user agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path.
1.13	The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
1.14	The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014.
1.15	The State Govt. shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
1.16	The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that while executing works, the user agency shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.
1.17	The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that earth or any material shall neither be brought from nor the debris resulting during construction be disposed of in the adjoining forest area by the user agency.
1.18	The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

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1.19	The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
1.20	The State Govt. shall ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.21	The State Govt. shall ensure that the DFO concerned will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in surrounding area.
1.22	The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.
1.23	The State Govt. shall ensure that any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, which shall be complied by the user agency.
1.24	The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.25	Any other direction issued by the Ministry as a result of Hon'ble Supreme Court order will have bearing on this approval.
1.26	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.16 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 vide Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.

2. Standard conditions

3. Specific Conditions

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1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Authority CAMPA, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, 3rd Floor, Supreme Court Metro Station Building, New Delhi-110 001.

2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.

3. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.

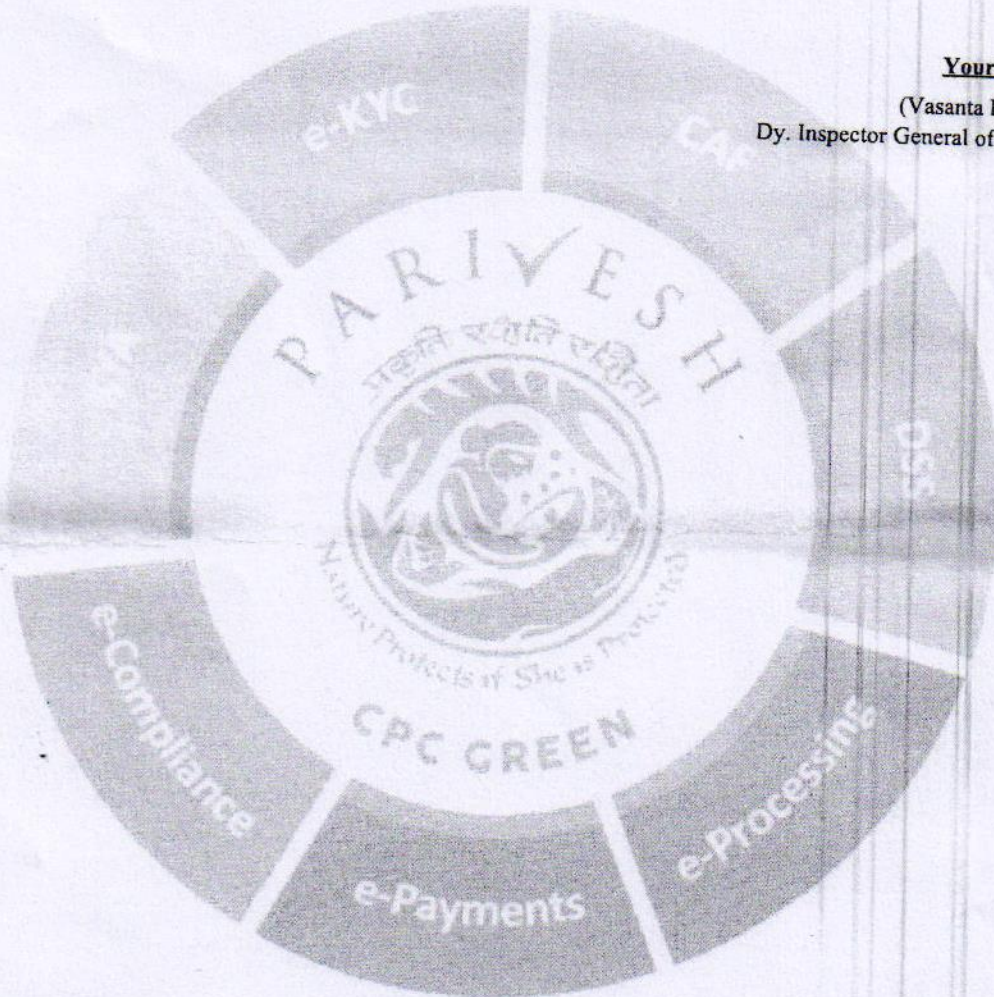
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Rairangpur Forest Division, Rairangpur, Odisha.

5. The Dy. General Manager (Elect), EHT (Const.) Division, OPTCL, At: Baldevjew Colony, Lane No.8, Jagannathpur, PO: Keonjhar-758001, Odisha.

Your's faithfully

(Vasanta Kiran Babu)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)



Signature valid

Digitally Signed by : Shri Vasanta Kiran Babu
Deputy Inspector General of Forest, IRO

Date: 05/05/2026

(12/05/2026)