

**LEGAL\_AWARENESS IN 2025 ITEM 83 EMAIL DATED 26 07 2025 TO CMO REGARDING CUTTING OF TREES IN JHARSUGUDA**

**CUTTING OF TREES ILLEGALLY IN PANDARIPATHAR RABANAPADA IN JHARSUGUDA FOR POWER LINE TO ACTION ISPAT AND POWER PVT LTD OF RUNGTAS FACTORY WITHOUT APPROVAL OF FOREST DEPT**

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SUBJECT-

**CUTTING OF TREES ILLEGALLY IN PANDARIPATHAR RABANAPADA IN JHARSUGUDA FOR POWER LINE TO ACTION ISPAT AND POWER PVT LTD OF RUNGTAS FACTORY WITHOUT APPROVAL OF FOREST DEPT AS REPORTED IN KANAK NEWS DATED 25 07 2025**

Sir

Please refer to the above mentioned subject.

You are requested to provide the relevant information about CUTTING OF TREES ILLEGALLY IN PANDARIPATHAR RABANAPADA IN JHARSUGUDA FOR POWER LINE TO ACTION ISPAT AND POWER PVT LTD OF RUNGTAS FACTORY WITHOUT APPROVAL OF FOREST DEPT AS REPORTED IN KANAK NEWS DATED 25 07 2025.

**SLP 25047 OF 2018 is still pending in Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of CUTTING OF AGE OLD TREES all over India and the reference is already submitted with an affidavit in the case related to cutting of age old trees in MLA Colony Bhubaneswar in WPC PIL 14046/2022 pending in OHC.**

**It is pertinent to mention that Kanak News had reported the above matter and as per the information approx 300 saguan, sishu and medicinal plants had been cut by the OPTCL without approval of forest dept and in between 23 07 2025 to 25 07 2025 the trees had been cut to provide power to ACTION ISPAT AND POWER PVT LTD OF RUNGTAS FACTORY by 33 KVA line.**

**It is also mentioned that the said company had not taken permission from District Administration, Gram Sabha and Forest Dept and the forest belongs to the concerned village who are responsible for preservation of the forest and the forest protects the villagers from the pollution created by heavy mining in Jharsuguda and it is a source of livelihood to the villagers.**

**Kanak News had taken an interview of the Ranger Jharsuguda and he admitted that due procedure was not followed and appropriate action will be taken against the offenders who have cut hundreds of trees illegally.**

**Please treat this representation as a compliance to file PIL for claiming compensation to the villager on the line of recommendation of expert committee in SLP 25047 OF 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court through a committee formed and monitored by Hon'ble Orissa High Court.**

**You are requested to confirm the news mentioned as telecasted by Kanak News and what action you have taken so far against the company and OPTCL at the earliest for cutting the trees illegally without permission of forest dept with satellite image before and after cutting of trees as it violates Article 21 of the concerned villagers.**

**Yours faithfully**

**Jayanti Das**