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To,

Principal Secretary,
Government of Mizoram,
Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department,
Aizawl-796001.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 104.77 ha of forest land in DAMPA Tiger Reserve (Buffer Zone) for construction of 132 KV S/C (on D/C Tower) West Phaileng to Marpara transmission line under NERSIP Scheme Mizoram.

Sir,

This has got reference to Government of Mizoram letter No. G.20015/3/2019-FST dated 19.06.2020 on the subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of 104.77 ha of forest land in DAMPA Tiger Reserve (Buffer Zone) for construction of 132 KV S/C (on D/C Tower) West Phaileng to Marpara transmission was sought, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examination of the proposal and on the basis of the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee held on 11.01.2021, the Central Government, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, IRO, Shillong accorded Stage-I approval vide letter No. 3-MZ A 044/2020-SHI/3226-27 dated 15.01.2021 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Mizoram vide letter No. B.22014/46/2020-FC/PCCF/258 dated 07.09.2021, and payment of compensatory levies through challan for collection of CAMPA fund dated 08.03.2021, the **Final approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 104.77 ha of forest land in DAMPA Tiger Reserve (Buffer Zone) for construction of 132 KV S/C (on D/C Tower) West Phaileng to Marpara transmission line under NERSIP Scheme Mizoram, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the Forest Department over double the area i.e. **213 ha** degraded forest land identified in Compar6ment No. 1 inside the notified RF of Teirei RRF below Kawnmawi village under West Phaileng Beat under Saithah Range in Mamit Forest Division as per the funds deposited by the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- (3) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector, if applicable.
- (4) 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.

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- (5) The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
- (6) The State Govt shall ensure that the user agency complies with all the conditions recommended by the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife:**
- (a) Since Dampa is an elephant landscape, height above the ground at the lowest point of the lowest conductor or grounding wire (i.e. at maximum sag point) of power lines (for avoiding reach of elephants even with raised trunk) should be:
- (i) A minimum of 10 m above ground on level terrain (slope < 20 degrees).
 - (ii) A minimum of 15 m above ground on steeper terrain (slope > 20 degrees).
- (b) All power lines within 3 KM of forest and important wildlife areas across its entire length in between West Phaileng and Marpaara should be marked with appropriate bird diverters spaced at 10 m intervals. The bird diverters should be regularly checked and maintained by Power Company.
- (c) No construction /maintenance work shall be permitted within forest and wildlife areas across its entire length in between West Phaileng and Marpaara should be marked in between 6.0 P.M to 7.00 A.M. Labour camps should be atleast 1.0 KM away from the boundaries of Dampa Tiger Reserve. No construction materials (including soil, stones etc.) should be collected from the forest.
- (d) The portion of the total cost deposited by the user agency to Mizoram Forest Department shall be utilized for eco-restoration, prey augmentation, reducing public dependence on forest and promoting traditional local livelihoods in Dampa Tiger Reserve as recommended by NBWL.
- (e) Compliance to the mitigation measures as suggested above.
- (f) Overseeing of the implementation of the project in compliance to the mitigation measures suggested above shall be done by the committee constituted by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Mizoram vide Notification Memo No. G.20015/3/2019-FST dated 14.09.2020.
- (7) The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to Govt of India.
- (8) The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC works, the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details.
- (9) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (10) The lay out of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (11) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- (12) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternative fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternative fuel.

- (13) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (14) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (15) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- (16) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (17) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- (18) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- (19) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC Guidelines F No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.
- (20) Any other conditions that the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

This is issued with approval of Deputy Director General (C).

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