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अपर मुख्य सचिव/Additional Chief Secretary,
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वन और पर्यावरण विभाग / Forests & Environment Department,
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Sub : Diversion of 4.563 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV Agia-Chibinang-Hathsingimari transmission line through Dibru Hills Reserved of West Garo Hills District of Meghalaya by the Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL) Goalpara, Assam.

Sir,

This has got reference to Government of Meghalaya letter No. FOR/47/2019/70 dated 28.10.2019, Even.100 Dated 19.06.2020, 26.08.2020 and No. MFG.22/528/15746 dated 15.01.2021 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal, In-principle approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 29.01.2021 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FOR/47/2019/132 dated 25.03.2022 & 20.06.2022 and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan dated 06.08.2021 and online payment by user agency under CAMPA, **Final approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 132 KV Agia-Chibinang-Hathsingimari transmission line through Dibru Hills Reserved of West Garo Hills District of Meghalaya by the Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL) Goalpara, Assam, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over **9.13 ha** degraded forest land identified at Kanabari in 2 (two) patches within Dibru Hills Reserve Forest (Compartment-1) under Hollaidanga Beat 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 dwarf plantation shall be raised and maintained by the State Govt as per scheme prepared and fund deposited by the user agency.

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- (4) All other clearances / NOCs under different rules / regulations / local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/98-FC(Pt) dated 05.02.2013 shall be complied with.
- (5) **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.**
- (6) **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.**
- (7) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (8) The layout of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (9) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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.
- (13) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (14) 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.
- (15) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (16) 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.
- (17) The User Agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance For removal, if any, of stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.
- (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 the approval of Deputy Director General (C).

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