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Sub: Diversion of 39.468 ha of forest land for laying of 132 KV SC Transmission Line from Chimpu to Holongi under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of T & D system by Power Department in Papum Pare District.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter FOR. 802/CONS/2018/663-68 dated 29.04.2019, even no. 886-87 dated 04.06.2019, even no.1378-79 dated 19.07.2019 and even no. 218487 dated 03.10.2019 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 and the recommendation of REC in the meeting held on 25.10.2019, In-principle approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 04.11.2019 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. 802/Cons/2018/1700-03 dated 10.06.2020 and submission of compensatory levies by echallan 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 39.468 ha of forest land for laying of 132 KV SC Transmission Line from Chimpu to Holongi under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of T & D system by Power Department in Papum Pare District of Arunachal Pradesh, 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 over double the area i.e. 79.0 ha degraded forest land identified in Drupong RF (30.0 ha) and Kassin Putu VFR (49.0 ha) under Banderdewa & Hapoli Forest Division of Papum Pare & Lower Subansiri District 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) State Govt has promulgated Notification dated 19.1.2018 under Section 3A of the Arunachal Pradesh Village Forest Reserve (Constitution and Mainteneace) Act, 1975 (Act No. 1 of 1976), as amended in 1984 read with Section 4 & 5 of the Assam Forest Regulation, 1891 (7 of 1891) for declaring CA area in Kassin Putu VFR. The further process of the final declaration as VFR may be completed at the earliest.
- (4) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

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- (5) The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on uproconductor 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 lay out 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (13) 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.
- (14) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (15) 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.
- (16) 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.
- (17) 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.
- (18) Any other conditions that the North Eastern Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

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