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To,

The Principal Secretary,
Government of Tripura
Department of Environment & Forests,
Kunjaban, Agartala.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of additional forest land measuring 0.90 ha in connection with construction of 132 KV transmission line from Rabindranagar to Belonia under DFO, Gomati by Tripura State Energy Corporation Limited.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government of Tripura letter No. F.6-1329/FC/For-2021/929-35 dated 20.10.2022 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government of Tripura and the additional information submitted vide their letter F.6-1329/FC/For-2021/1243-44 dated 09.01.2023 and even no. 1443-44 dated 27.02.2023, the **In-principle / Stage-I approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of additional forest land measuring **0.90 ha** in connection with construction of 132 KV transmission line from Rabindranagar to Belonia under DFO, Gomati by Tripura State Energy Corporation Limited, subject to the following conditions:

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

1. The user agency shall transfer the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the latest guidelines of MoEF & CC dated 19.01.2022;
2. 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 for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
3. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising dwarf plantation with the State Forest Department;
4. The user agency shall transfer the cost for the wildlife mitigation measures. The State Govt shall ensure that payment cost of the mitigation measures shall be at the rate and proportion of the extent of forest land involved out of the total project area as per Ministry's Guidelines dated 16/2023 on the matter;
5. 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;
6. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA account only though e-portal(<https://parivesh.nic.in>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance;

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7. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
8. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the District Collector;
9. 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;
10. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over **1.8 ha** in CS Plot No. 29, Kh. No. 2/2 of Mouja-Dakshin Baramura-Debtamura RF & CS Plot No. 129, Kh. No. 1/29 of Mouja-Gandhari in Udaipur Range, Gomati District;
3. At the time of payment of the 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. 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 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 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;
17. 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;
3. After receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, final approval will be issued in this regard. Formal transfer of forest land shall not be effected by the State Govt till final approval is granted by the Central Government.

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

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