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Principal Secretary – Cum- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 78.548 ha of forest land for laying of 132 KV S/C (on DC tower) transmission line from Seppa to Bameng under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of transmission & distribution system by Power Deptt. in East Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FOR. 13-55/CONS/2020/480-85 dated 25.02.2021 and No. FOR. 13-55/CONS/2020/3476-81 dated 31.08.2021 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by the Central Govt, under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal and the recommendation of REC in the meeting held on 20.04.2021, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 08.07.2021 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

2. In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FOR. 13-55/CONS/2020/3476-81 dated 25.02.2021 and its uploading on Ministry's portal on 16.09.2021 and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan 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 78.548 ha of forest land for laying of 132 KV S/C (on DC tower) transmission line from Seppa to Bameng under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of transmission & distribution system by Power Deptt. in East Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) The forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.
- (3) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over 157.10 ha Village Forest Reserve i.e. 88.10 ha in Kassing Putu(Ago) VFR and 69.00 ha in Repari (Rakhe) VFR in Hapoli Forest Division in Lower Subansiri district of

Arunachal Pradesh 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.

- (4) State Govt has promulgated Notification dated 19.01.2018 and 16.02.2018 under Section 3A of the Arunachal Pradesh Village Forest Reserve (Constitution and Maintenance) 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 Kassing Putu (Ago) VFR and Repari (Rakhe) VFR, respectively. The onus of the final declaration as VFR shall lie with the State Govt.
- (5) The kml files of the area to be diverted, the compensatory afforestation areas with all the requisite details shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal before issuing of the Final Approval by the State Govt.
- (6) 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.
- (7) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (8) 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.
- (9) The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission line through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
- (10) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (11) The lay out of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (12) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- (13) 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.
- (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, 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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