

Diversion of 0.90 ha of forest land for drawl of 11 KV feeder from 33/11 KV Gayerkata substation to Khuttimari Forest Rest Houser under Moraghat Range for village electricity in favour of WBSEDCL.

In-principle approval for the above mentioned project has been accorded vide Dept. of Forest, Govt. of West Bengal memo no. 426-For/O/L/10T-06/2019 dt. 19.03.2021 (copy enclosed; F/A).

As per para 11.2 of comprehensive guidelines (copy enclosed; F/B) issued by MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, vide their memo no. 5-2/2017-FC dt. 28.03.2019, "Consequent to grant of Stage-I approval in respect of linear projects by the Central Government under FCA, the State Government or a Senior Officer not below the Rank of a Divisional Forest Officer, having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be diverted, duly authorized in this behalf by the State Government can pass an order for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year.

Such orders shall be passed only after full realization of funds for compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), wildlife conservation plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants, and all such other compensatory levies, specified in the Stage I (in-principle) approval, from the UA".

User Agency has deposited the fund (F/C-1,2) for compensatory levies viz. NPV, CA & boundary demarcation as per the Demand Note of DFO Jalpaiguri (F/D) following the due procedure. On being asked, they have also submitted the compliance report against the Stage-I/ In-principle approval accorded to them by W.B. Forest Department. The said compliance report (F/E) has been endorsed by DFO, Jalpaiguri and is found acceptable at this end also.

Now we may issue working permission to the user agency (who have earlier declared that there is no tree-felling involved in this project) for commencement of work for this linear project in forest land along with the Stage-II/ Final Approval.

Submitted for kind approval please.

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