

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
(FOR THE FOREST LAND PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION UNDER FC ACT)**

Project: Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project (120 MW).

Forest area proposed for diversion under Hamren Forest Division: 45.28 Ha

A proposal (Ref No. FPIAS/HYD / 8794 /7014) has been received by this office from the Chief General Manager, Hydro, Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGCL) for diversion of 45.28 ha of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the FC Act. The proposal has been received in Hamren division through online mode of MoEF & CC's web portal on 08.09.2017. The project envisaged the use of forest land for construction of the Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project with the installed capacity of 120 MW comprising of the Main power house with 2 units 55 MW each and an Auxiliary Power house with an installed capacity of 10 MW. A joint inspection has been carried out by the undersigned along with the representatives of Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGCL) (Mr. Rupantar Das, Project Director, LKHEP, APGCL) on 20.03.2018 as per guidelines of FCA.

Upon inspection of the site, it was found that the proposed forest land required by the user agency falls under Southern Range, Kheroni comprising of Charchim DCRF 32.64 Ha and Phanglangso USF 12.64 Ha altogether 45.28 Ha in total of Hamren Forest Division. The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and the proposed area is the barest minimum required for the project.

The salient features of the forest area proposed for diversion as found during site inspection are as follows:

- There is no plantation raised by this division in the area proposed for diversion.
- There are no any rare/ endangered known species of flora and fauna present in the area proposed for diversion.
- There is no any protected archaeological/ heritage sites located in the proposed area.
- The density of the area proposed for diversion is found to be around 50 %.
- The user agency has not violated any provisions of the FCA and no work has been started without necessary clearance.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL

The construction of the transmission line is a Government of Assam project having national interest. It will improve overall power scenario without causing major damage of the forest and environment provided mitigated measures are implemented by the user agency as per guideline. Therefore, the diversion for the forest land which is the barest minimum required as above is recommended for acceptance.

Date: 22/04/18

Place: Hamren

Signature :



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