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Dated 16/03/2023

To:

✓ The Inspector General of Forest-cum-Nodal Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
Ministry of Env. Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
IB-198, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata -700106.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 26.8 ha (16.4 in RF/Khasmal/River reserve + 10.427 ha in buffer & transition zone of KNP) for laying of 220 KV DC Shinghik Chungthang Transmission Line under CSSTDS in Mangan district of Sikkim by Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Proposal No. FP/SK/TRANS/157621/2022

Madam,

Please find, enclosed, herewith a proposal seeking forest clearance for diversion of 26.8 ha (16.4 in RF/Khasmal/River reserve + 10.427 ha in buffer & transition zone of KNP) for laying of 220 KV DC Shinghik Chungthang Transmission Line under CSSTDS in Mangan district of Sikkim by Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim

Brief Description:

The user agency has proposed diversion of 26.8 ha (16.4 in RF/Khasmal/River reserve + 10.427 ha in buffer & transition zone of KNP) for laying of 220 KV DC Shinghik Chungthang Transmission Line under CSSTDS in Mangan district of Sikkim by Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim, after obtaining the forest clearance under the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The online proposal has already been uploaded in the "OMFC" portal of the Ministry vide proposal No. FP/SK/TRANS/157621/2022.

Year of incorporation	: 2014
Area of business operation	: Shinghik - Chungthang in Mangan district of Sikkim
Project Cost	: 3435.2 lakhs
Phase of construction	:


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2. **Details of forest land proposed for diversion** – The total land involved under the project are as follows:

Total Forest Land (RF) involved	-	14.03 Ha
Total Forest Land (Khasmal) involved	-	11.23 Ha
Total Forest Land (River reserve) involved	-	1.57 Ha
Total Land involved	-	26.8 Ha

3. **Maps enclosed –**

The User Agency has furnished the following maps duly countersigned by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer: -

- (i) Map of the Survey of India of the proposed area for diversion - (Annexure – I).
- (ii) Map showing the proposed site for Compensatory Afforestation (Annexure –II).

4. **Assessment of forest stock –**

- (i) The forest area is situated under the Mangan Territorial Division. The proposed project proposal affects **1337 Trees, 5377 mixed Poles, 320 Shrubs, 400 Ferns and 155000 bamboos** as per the enumeration lists enclosed.

5. **Flora and Fauna and archaeological importance –**

The area does not form a part of National Park / Sanctuary or Biosphere Reserve, sample or preservation plot as per the information provided in Part-II by Divisional Forest Officer, Mangan.

6. **Compensatory Afforestation -**

The Compensatory Afforestation shall be maintained over an area in degraded forest land identified as under: -

Sl. No.	District	Forest Division	Range	Location	Block Plantation	Amount of CAS
1	Mangan	Mangan (T)	Mangan (T)	Mongranggang RF	9.4 Ha	Rs. 3,12,83,934.00
2	Mangan	Mangan (T)	Chungthang (T)	Chungthang RF	44.28 ha	
				Total	53.68 ha	Rs. 3,12,83,934.00

The map showing the above identified forest land is enclosed at **Annexure –II** for reference.

The aforesaid degraded forest land is proposed to be brought under Afforestation programme as per the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme drawn by the Divisional Forest Officer, Mangan Territorial Division with financial outlay of **Rs. 3,12,83,934.00** (Rupees three crores twelve lakhs eighty-three thousand nine hundred thirty-four) only (**Enclosed at Annexure III**). The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be undertaken in the designated compact area identified by Mangan Territorial Division of Sikkim.

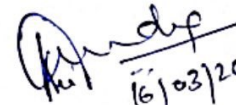
The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Mangan Division has given the certificate on suitability of degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. (Annexure -IV). Accordingly, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit the amount of CA, NPV and additional NPV if any etc. (Annexure - V), after Stage I clearance is granted by the Ministry in this respect. But no Penal Compensatory Afforestation has been imposed since no violation of the Act has been reported against.

7. **Displacement of human population** -
No human population will be displaced owing to the project.
8. **Environmental clearance** - N/A
9. **Cost-benefit analysis** - N/A
10. **Violation of Forest Conservation Act / India Forest Act** -
No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act is reported.
11. **Recommendations of the State Government** -

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Mangan Division has recommended the proposal. No adverse comment has been given by any officers on the proposal and it has been suitably commented upon by senior officers on Part-IV and V as well. The proposed diversion site forms a part of Buffer & Transition zone of KBR and legal status is Reserve Forest.

Therefore, it is requested you to accord approval under Section - 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 26.8 ha (16.4 in RF/Khasmal/River reserve + 10.427 ha in buffer & transition zone of KNP) for laying of 220 KV DC Shinghik Chungthang Transmission Line under CSSTDs in Mangan district of Sikkim by Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

Yours faithfully,



16/03/2023

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APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA).
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1. CF (T) Gangtok. : For information.
2. PCE-cum-Secretary,
Power Department.
Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok. : For information, please.
3. DFO (T), Mangan Division. : For information.
4. File.
5. Guard file

Part - IV

(To be filled up of the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department).

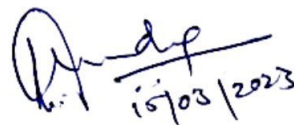
17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks ;

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forest should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

The proposal for diversion of 26.80 Ha forest land for laying of 220kV D/C Singhik to Chungthang TL in North Sikkim under CSSTDS by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim, is accepted and recommended for forest clearance under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to compliance of the following conditions by the User Agency:

- (1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) The amount of Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value (NPV) shall be paid and any revision, thereof, shall be borne by the User Agency.
- (3) There shall be no damage to surrounding forests, environment, wildlife & natural resources.
- (4) Minimum tree felling shall be done in the project area, that too which are unavoidable due to project activity. The blank areas shall be covered up with the plantation after the construction of the project.
- (5) There shall be no labour camp on any diverted forests land.
- (6) All the natural streams and water bodies in surrounding area shall be protected.
- (7) During and after the construction period of the project, the project authority shall continue to assist the State Forest Department for conservation and development of natural resources of the State.
- (8) The muck, debris and materials generated out of the construction, if any, shall not be spilled down on slopes and be disposed off in the predetermined areas only.
- (9) The User Agency shall demarcate the forest land to be diverted with boundary pillar of atleast four feet high with forward and backward bearing before taking up the project activity in the diverted land at project cost.

Signature :



Designation :

APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA)

Forest & Environment Department,

Govt. of Sikkim

Brijendra Swaroop, IFS

Additional PCCF-Cum-Nodal Officer

Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

Forests & Environment Department

Government of Sikkim

Official Seal

Date : 15/03/2023

Place: Gangtok (Sikkim)