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To

The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Assam
Guwahati

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 35.34 ha of forest land for Trunk Pipeline from
Kharaghat GGS/Nambar GGS to Borholla GGS.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FRS.18/2008/28 dt. 02.04.08 & No. FRS.18/2008/57 dt. 22.01.09 the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

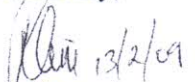
After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Assam, the Central Government hereby **conveys its final approval for diversion of 35.34 ha** of forest land for Trunk Pipeline from Kharaghat GGS/Nambar GGS to Borholla GGS under Golaghat Division of Golaghat District, subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be carried out over double the area in degraded forest i.e. 70.68 ha identified at Uriamghat and Jamuguri Range in Nambor RF of Golaghat Division as per the fund deposited by the User Agency.
3. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of rates by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India during the validity period/tenure of forest diversion, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
4. The forest land to be diverted shall be demarcated on ground by the User Agency with 6 feet high RCC pillars with forward & backward bearing, number of pillar and distance from one to other pillars written over them and if possible a fence wall shall also be constructed around diverted land.
5. While laying the pipeline the user agency shall take all necessary measures to check rolling down of debris/soil etc out of diverted area and it shall also be ensured that dumping of debris if any shall not be done over forest land.
6. Heavy earth cutting shall be avoided and works shall be formed mainly by cut and fill method as far as possible with suitable engineering structures to avoid soil erosion/land slide/land slips.
7. There should be no damage to the surrounding forests, environment, wildlife natural resources and other properties and if

any, the same shall be compensated along with the reclamation measures.

8. There should be minimum felling in the project area and the blank areas shall be immediately planted during and after construction of the project.
9. All the natural streams and water bodies in surrounding area shall not be disturbed in any manner.
10. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
11. The User Agency shall also give an undertaking to proportionately contribute to the State/Regional Wildlife Conservation Plan which includes Elephant depredation as may be prepared by the State Forest Department/Chief Wildlife Warden.
12. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions the Nodal Officer, Assam shall suspend the non-forest use of land and submit a report to this office.
13. Any other conditions as may be found appropriate in future for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by CCF (C), North Eastern Regional Office.

Yours faithfully,


(R.L.Sanga)

Dy. Conservator Forests(C)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Govt. of Assam, Rehabari, Guwahati.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o PCCF, Govt. of Assam, Rehabari, Guwahati.


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