



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
OFFICE OF THE PCCF-cum-PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

FORESTS, ENV. WL MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT
FOREST SECRETARIAT, DEORALI, GANGTOK-737 102

Ref. No. 1813/FCA/FEWMD/2019/368.....

Dated: 3/7/19

To,

✓ The PCE-cum-Secretary,
Energy & Power Department,
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 0.2592 Ha of Forest Land for laying 66 KV Single Circuit Transmission Line from Khamdong to Makha transmission in East District Sikkim by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim - In Principle Approval reg.

Sir,

Reference your [No. FP/SK/ROAD/37198/2018 received through on-line/off line mode and after careful examination of your proposal, the State Govt. is hereby pleased to accord the **Stage-I (In-Principle) Approval** in terms of the General approval as conveyed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt of India, New Delhi under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 [vide letter No.F.No.11-9/98 FC, dated 03/01/2005 and subsequently letter No.F.No.11-9/98-FC dated 13/2/2014 for **diversion of 0.2592 Ha of Forest Land for laying 66 KV Single Circuit Transmission Line from Khamdong to Makha transmission in East District Sikkim by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim**, subject to fulfillment of conditions as follows :-

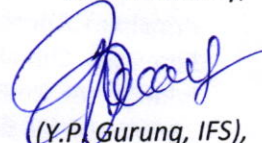
- (i) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of **Rs. 6,13,680.00** (Rupees six lakhs thirteen thousand six hundred and eighty) only for Compensatory Afforestation over double the degraded land of 2.844 ha. identified at Song RF in Gangtok (T) Range, East (T) Division to the Adhoc CAMPA through State Forest Department.
- (ii) The User Agency shall transfer **Rs. 1,70,294.00** (Rupees one lakhs seventy thousand two hundred and ninety four) only for the Net Present Value (NPV) for the forest land diverted under this proposal as per the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India date 23.03.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guideline issued by the Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
- (iii) All the above funds along with the funds for **Rs. 29,408.00** (Rupees twenty nine thousand four hundred and eight) only for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species in right of way under the transmission line as prepared by the concerned Division, shall be deposited in favour of the Principal CCF-cum-Pr. Secretary, Forests Environment & Wildlife Management Department Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok for onward transfer to Ad-hoc CAMPA
- (iv) The charges for felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees for **Rs. 2,35,155.00** (Rupees two lakhs thirty five thousand one hundred and fifty five) only shall be deposited in favour of the Principal CCF-cum-Pr. Secretary, Forests Environment & Wildlife Management Department Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.

- (v) The expenditure like boundary walls, stone pillars, demarcation charges, cost of damage of trees, the funds on these accounts should be deposited with the DFO concerned.
- (vi) The user Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, before consideration of final approval, if required.
- (vii) The user agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for stone, river sand, river boulder in forest land, if necessary.
- (viii) As per Ministry's letter No.11-30/96-FC (Pt) dated 14.09.2001, if the compliance of stipulated conditions is awaited from your department for more than 5(five) years, the in-principle approval would summarily be revoked considering that the user agency is no longer interested in the project.

After fulfillment of the above conditions in completeness, the User agency shall submit the **compliance report** for seeking the Final Approval of the State Govt. under the said Act. **Diversion of forest land shall not be effected till the final approval is granted by the State Govt. in this respect. Demand Note in respect of Conditions No. (I to IV) are also enclosed for realization of payment.**

This issued within the delegated powers of the State Govt.

Yours faithfully,



(Y.P. Gurung, IFS),
CCF-cum-Nodal Office (FCA)