

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

No.F. 6-1165/FC/For-18/ 29812-819

Dated, the, 20 /10/2020

ORDER

Subject: - Proposal for diversion of 0.1962 ha of forest land for establishment of 33/11 KV Sub-Station at Ekinpur under District Forest Officer, South

Whereas, the Addl. General Manager, TSECL, Agartala made an application for diversion of forest land measuring 0.1962 ha of forest land for establishment of 33/11 KV Sub-Station at Ekinpur under District Forest Officer, South in Khatian No.-2/4 and CS Plot No.3273 of Mouja-Tebaria under Belonia Sub-Division, South District seeking approval of the Central Government under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the purpose of establishment of 33/11 KV Sub-Station at Ekinpur.

And whereas, the said proposal was considered and examined by the Forest Department and In-Principle approval issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide order No.F. 6-1165/FC/For-18/01-07 dated 02.04.2020 subject to certain conditions:

And whereas, the User Agency has transferred the cost of NPV and Compensatory Afforestation through e-payment system in favour of Compensatory Afforestation Fund(CAF) Tripura in the State Account No.SB01025228 of Corporation Bank , New Delhi. The same was confirmed in the portal.

Now, therefore, the State Government in exercise of the powers delegated by the Central Government under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980-Critical Public & Strategic Defence Infrastructure is hereby conveys "**Final Approval**" under Section-2(ii) of FCA,1980 for establishment of 33/11 KV Sub-Station at Ekinpur subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged
- ii. Forest land utilized for establishment of Power Sub-Station project shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the approval accorded by this State Government. Any change in the land use without prior permission of the Central Govt./ State Govt. shall amount to violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Request of such changes shall be made by the user agency to the Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980.
- iii. The diverted forest land shall revert back to the Forest Department when no longer needed by user agency.
- iv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall be located outside the Protected Areas notified under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- v. User Agency shall explore all possible alternatives to minimize use of forest land. Forest land to be used for establishment of Power Sub-Station project shall be restricted to the bare minimum and shall be used only when it is unavoidable.
- vi. Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried out over 0.40 ha of degraded forest land in CS plot No.681, Kh.No.3/12 of Mouja- Nidaya under District Forest Officer, South.
- vii. Permanent demarcation of forest land shall be done on the ground four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar.
- viii. The user agency to provide fuel wood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure of adjacent forest areas.
- ix. The DFO, South will take appropriate action on the violation matter, if not taken as per para 1.21.(i) on ex post facto approval penal provisions of handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 and

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Forest Conservation Rules 2003 Guidelines and Clarifications before issuing work permission on the project or within 3 months whichever is earlier.

- x. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector
- xi. The project should not involve felling of more than 50(fifty) numbers of trees/ha.
- xii. The project site should be outside the National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary / Protected areas
- xiii. The concerned DFO will monitor and take necessary measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
- xiv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as application to the project.
- xv. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dt. 29.01.2018.
- xvi. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change any stipulation from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions

2. The area of proposed diversion is less than 1.00 ha therefore the State Govt. is empowered to convey the General Approval under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980-Critical/ Strategic Defence Infrastructure.

(Harshakumar C.)

Jt. Secretary

to the Government of Tripura

Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoEF, Tripura for favour of kind information please.
- 2. The Deputy. Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment & Forests North Eastern Regional Office, Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen, Near M.T.C. Workshop, Shillong 793021 of kind information please
- 3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, O/O- the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura for favour of kind information please.
- 4. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), FHQ for kind information.
- 5. The District Magistrate & Collector, South for kind information.
- 6. The District Forest Officer, South for kind information.
- 7. The Wildlife Warden, Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary for kind information.
- 8. The Addl. General Manager, Transmission Circle, TSECL, 79 tilla, Agartala for kind information.

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