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प्रमुख सचिव सह प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक /

Principal Secretary – Cum- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

अरुणाचल प्रदेश सरकार/ Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

पर्यावरण और वन विभाग /Dept of Forests & Environment

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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 1.5775 ha of forest land for Gohpur-Itanagar Natural Gas Pipeline project along with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Drupong Reserve Forest under Banderdewa Forest Division in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh by Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited– reg.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FOR. 21/Cons/2021/5265-68 dated 27.12.2021 and No. FOR. 21/Cons/2021/4020-23 dated 04.11.2022 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 24.05.2022 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

2. In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FOR. 21/Cons/2021/4020-23 dated 04.11.2022 and its uploading on Ministry's portal on 16.11.2022 and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan and online payment by user agency under CAMPA, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of for diversion of 1.5775 ha of forest land for Gohpur-Itanagar Natural Gas Pipeline project along with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Drupong Reserve Forest under Banderdewa Forest Division in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh by Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited, subject to the following conditions:

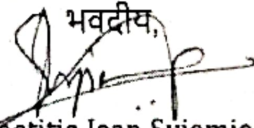
- 1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) The compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over the double the degraded forest land of 3.16 ha identified in Drupong Reserve Forest near Sangaligan area of Daflagarh Forest Range under Banderdewa Forest Division of Arunachal Pradesh as per the funds deposited by the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- 3) The State Govt shall ensure that the revised rates of Net Present Value amount of the forest land being diverted under this proposal is transferred through online

portal by the user agency into CAMPA account of the State concerned as per the Ministry letter File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 21.03.2022 before issuing of the Final Approval.

- 4) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 5) Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the proposed pipeline. The muck generated in the earth cutting will be disposed off at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- 6) The muck dumping area shall be stabilized and plantation of suitable species shall be carried out over stabilized dumps on the cost of the user agency under the supervision of State Forest Department.
- 7) The designing of culverts/ bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of the water, does not give rise to water logging and also does not hamper the movement of the wild animals.
- 8) All the site-specific engineering structures like retaining walls, breast wall and drainage shall be constructed to avoid any soil erosion and to provide slope stability of the concerned hills.
- 9) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the proposed pipeline within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- 10) The user agency shall provide suitable under / over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per recommendations of CWLW / NBWL / FAC / REC, wherever applicable.
- 11) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 12) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 13) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 14) The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
- 15) Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of State Forest Deptt.).
- 16) The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.
- 17) The user agency will undertake comprehensive soil and water conservation measures at the project cost.
- 18) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
- 19) No damage to the flora fauna of the area shall be caused.
- 20) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.

- 21) The user agency shall provide fuel wood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of trees or buy the fuel wood from the extracted timber from the Forest Department to be used by labourers.
- 22) The user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance under Environment Protection Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 23) The user agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of the stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.
- 24) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 25) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
- 26) The gas pipeline shall be laid 1.2 m below the ground level as proposed and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.
- 27) The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 1 mtr width and 15775 meters length.
- 28) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.5775 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 29) The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 30) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- 31) 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 Guidelines F No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.
- 32) Any other conditions that the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

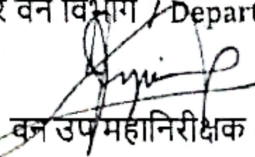
This 'Final Approval' letter is subject to the final decision of the Hon'ble NGT Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata PIL original Application No.74/2017/EZ and Chief Judicial Magistrate Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh DG/01 of 2017-18 dated 17.07.2017.


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