



MEGHALAYA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER, 132/33kV GRID SUBSTATION,
MePTCL, KHLIEHRIAT.

No. MePTCL/RE/KSS/T-26(NERPSIP)/2021-22/ 1028

Dated: The 21st December, 2021

To,
The Deputy General Manager,
NERPSIP, Khliehriat,
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

Sub: Diversion 6.716 Ha Forest land for construction of LOOP-OUT section of the 132 kV MLHEP-Khliehriat transmission line at Mynkre under NERPSIP scheme by Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited

Ref: - JH/Loop-out/132/MLHEP/2019-20/1002/B/1505 dated. 20th December, 2021

Dear sir,

With reference to the above-mentioned subject, I am forwarding the referred letter of DFO, Jaintia Hills (T) Division regarding conditions which are to be complied prior handing over the forest land by the state forest department.

In this regard, you are requested to do the further needful at your end for paying the necessary amounts mentioned in the letter and submit compliances.

Yours' Faithfully,

*Resident Engineer
132 KV Grid Sub Station,
MePTCL, Khliehriat*

Encl: As above

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER (TERRITORIAL),
JAINTIA HILLS DIVISION: JOWAI.**

No. JH/Loop-out/132/MLHEP/2019-20/1002/B/ 1505

Dated- Jowai, the 20th December, 2021.

To The Resident Engineer,
132, Grid Substation,
MeECL, Khliehriat

Sub: *Diversion of 6.716 Ha of Forest Land for construction of loop-out section of the 132 KV MLHEP-Khliehriat at Mynkre under NERPSIP Scheme by Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited.*

Ref: No. 3.MGC.025/2021-SHI/423-24 Dtd 01-10-21

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to enclose herewith copy of the Stage-I approval for the proposal "Diversion of 6.716 Ha of Forest Land for construction of loop-out section of the 132 KV MLHEP-Khliehriat at Mynkre under NERPSIP Scheme by Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited which is self explanatory for your kind information as Annexure-I

In this connection you are hereby strictly instructed to adhere the terms and conditions stipulated as Follows:

A: Conditions which need to be compiled prior handing over the forest land by the State Forest Department.

(1) The User Agency shall transfer online the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated: 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and the guideline issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requested funds shall be transferred through online portal into the CAMPA account of the State concerned.

Compliance by the User Agency: The user agency is hereby directed to pay an amount of Rs: 63,06,324.00 towards the NPV @ 939000/Ha

(2) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Compliance by the User Agency: The user agency is hereby directed to an amount of Rs: 1,22,94,619.00 Towards the Compensatory Afforestation Fund @ 915323/Ha. In addition to compensatory afforestation the user agencies required to pay an amount of 8,00,000.00 for erection of watch tower and construction of camp hut cum store room for monitoring of plantation and keeping tools equipments and other materials respectively. The same to be deposited to the Ad-hoc Campa Account: The details of the Bank account as Follows:

Name: CAF Meghalaya State CAMPA, **Name of the Bank:** Corporation Bank, **Name of the Branch:** CGO, Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-3, **A/c No.:** SB01025217, **RTGS/IFSC Code:** CORP0000371

(3) As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

Complied DFO

- (4) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through 3-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>). Account deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance. **The User agency is requested to deposit to the Ad-hoc Campa Account: The details of the Bank account as Follows: Name: CAF Meghalaya State CAMPA, Name of the Bank: Corporation Bank, Name of the Branch: CGO, Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-3, A/c No.: SB01025217, RTGS/IFSC Code: CORP0000371.**
- (5) The compliance shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>) **Complied by the DFO. All the relevant documents to be submitted to this office of undersigned.**
- (6) The complete compliance for the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector. **NA**
- (7) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of the local DFO. **Complied by the user agency.**
- (8) The expenditure like boundary walls, stone pillars and demarcation charge cost of damage of trees the fund on these accounts should be deposited with DFO concerned. **–Complied by the user agency.**
- (9) The expenditure like felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees and royalty on trees to be paid should be collected from the user agency at the rates approved by the State Government and deposited with the DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of the forest land. **The details of the cost involved for felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees as Follows: Cost of felling - 3835.53c.ft @ 40/c.ft = 1,53,421.00, Royalty for 360 Nos. of trees – Volume 108.61m³ = 2,25,123.00 The User agency is requested to deposit to the Divisional Forest Officer (T) Account: The details of the Bank account as Follows: Name: Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai., Name of the Bank: Punjab National Bank, Name of the Branch: Jowai A/c No.: 0043050011820, RTGS/IFSC Code: PUNB 0004320**
- (10) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated: 28.03.2019. **An undertaking to be submitted the user agency**
- (11) User Agency to submit undertaking with respect to information to be given to the Deputy Commissioner and Police Department if problems like blasting flare up etc. Arise around the area where coal mining is also taking place. **An undertaking to be submitted the user agency**
- (12) The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC work, the proposed Catchment Area Treatment and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all the requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be. **Complied by the User agency. Complied by the Department**

B. Conditions which need to be strictly compiled on the field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted to Stage-II approval:

- (1) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged. **Undertaking to be submitted by the user agency.**
- (2) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised in the degraded area of **13.43** ha in degraded forest land identified in Compartment No. 11-B, Khliehriat Block, Saipung Range, Jaintia Hills Territorial

Division, East Jaintia Hills District as the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

Complied by the DFO

- (3) At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish as undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. **User agency to submit an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India**
- (13) The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of State Forest Department and the cost of the felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department. **An undertaking to be submitted the user agency**
- (4) The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme by the State Forest Department. **The user agency is requested to submit an undertaking to plant the dwarf and medicinal plant within the right of way with consultation of the Forest department.**
- (5) The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits. **Complied by the user agency. An undertaking to be produced by the user agency.**
- (6) The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No. 7-25/2012-FC dated:05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014. **An undertaking to be submitted by the user agency.**
- (7) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable. NA
- (8) The layout of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. **An undertaking to be submitted.**
- (9) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. **An undertaking to be produced by the user agency.**
- (10) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternative fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternative fuel. **An undertaking to be produced.**
- (11) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work. **An undertaking to be produced.**
- (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. **An undertaking to be produced.**
- (13) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the project proposal. **An undertaking to be produced.**
- (14) Line shall have no contact with trees in the forest area as necessary lopping shall be provided by the user agency. **An undertaking to be produced.**
- (15) Sagging of power lines from pole to pole shall not come in contact with any wildlife specifically Asian elephants considering height as they out reach their trunk, as lines shall be in an appropriate height from the ground level. **An undertaking to be produced.**
- (16) Conductors to be used in 132 KV line as mentioned by the user agency shall be all aluminium alloy conductor as per the specification which shall not do harm to any wildlife in the proposed area. **An undertaking to be produced.**

- (17) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India. **An undertaking to be produced.**
- (18) Any other conditions that the North Eastern 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. **An undertaking to be produced.**
3. After receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, final approval will be issued in this regard. Formal transfer of forest land shall not be affected by the State Government till final approval is granted by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,



Divisional Forest Officer,
Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai.

Memo No. JH/Loop-out/132/MLHEP/2019-20/1002/A/

Dated- Jowai, the December, 2021.

Copy to:

1. The Nodal Officer FC Act, Meghalaya Shillong for information
2. The Conservator of Forests (T) Khasi and Jaintia Hills for information



Divisional Forest Officer,
Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai.