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To

अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary,
मेघालय सरकार/Govt of Meghalaya,
वन और पर्यावरण विभाग/ Forests & Environment Department,
शिलांग/Shillong.

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 9.8486 ha of forest land for rerouting portion of the existing 400 KV D/C Pallatana-Bongaigaon transmission line passing over RIST Campus Ri Bhoi District submitted by North East Transmission Company Limited.

Madam,

This has got reference to the State Govt letter No. FOR.5/2016/Pt/197 dated 17.08.2017 and No. FOR.5/2016/Pt/232 dated 22.05.2018 on 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 Meghalaya by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 10.08.2018 and its recommendation, I am to inform that **"In Principle Approval"** is hereby granted under Section 2 of the FCA, 1980 for diversion of 9.8486 ha of forest land for rerouting portion of the existing 400 KV D/C Pallatana-Bongaigaon transmission line passing over RIST Campus Ri Bhoi District submitted by North East Transmission Company Limited subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over double the degraded forest land of 19.7 ha in Upper Shillong Protected Forest in Compartment No 10 & 11 & Laikor Protected Forest in Compartment No 6, Myllem Block, Shillong South Range, Khasi Hills (T) Division of East Khasi Hill District to the Adhoc CAMPA through e-payment and inform this office through the State Forest Department.
- (ii) The State Govt shall charge the Net Present Value of the forest land diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Judgment of the Hon'ble

Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guideline issued by this Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2001-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.

- (iii) All the above funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc CAMPA Fund (CAF in New SB account No. 520101263743604 of Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003).
- (iv) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (v) The felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of State Forest Department Forest.
- (vi) The User Agency shall bear and deposit the amount of the cost of demarcation of the land proposed for diversion directly to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall demarcate the land proposed for diversion on the ground by erecting at least 4' high cement-concrete pillars duly numbered, forward and backward bearing and distance from pillar to pillar written on the pillars and DGPS co-ordinates to be inscribed on the pillars. The competent authority shall verify and issue a certificate to this effect. Photographs showing permanent boundary pillars with GPS co-ordinates to be submitted.
- (vii) The charges for felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees should be collected from the User Agency at the rates approved by the State Govt and deposited with the DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of forest land.
- (viii) The certificates for the payment in respect to Sl. No. (vi) and (vii) shall be furnished to this office by the user agency.
- (ix) Transplanting of the important tree species affected by the project, wherever possible should be taken up by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer with the logistic support from the user agency.
- (x) 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 and provide funds for execution of the said scheme by the State Forest Department;
- (xi) Sufficient quantity of firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (xii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person.

- (xiii) The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xiv) State Govt shall pass an order for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year. However, one more year may be extended by the permission of Central Govt subject to submission of reasonable progress report from the State Govt as regards to the steps taken to comply with the remaining stipulated conditions mentioned above as per the Ministry letter F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.) dated 28.08.2015.
- (xv) All other clearance/NOCs under different applicable rules/regulations /local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights)Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No.11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.

After receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, final approval will be issued in this regard. Formal transfer of forest land shall not be effected by the State Govt till final approval orders approving the diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

This has the approval of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central).

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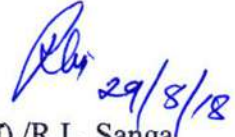


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