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सचिव/Secretary,

त्रिपुरा सरकार/ Government of Tripura

पर्यावरण और वन विभाग /Department of Environment & Forests,

कुंजावन, अगरतला/ Kunjaban, Agartala.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 1.783 Hectare of forest land for exploration of hydrocarbon/
natural gas through drilling at location ROBL under DFO, Sepahijala.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government of Tripura letter No.F.6-1180/ FC/For-2019/ 571-75 dated 21.09.2020 and No.F.6-1180/ FC/For-2019/ 1141-42 dated 05.12.2020 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government of Tripura by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 22.02.2021 and its recommendation and subsequent approval of Ministry, New Delhi on through e-office, the **In-principle / Stage-I approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of diversion of Proposal for diversion of 1.783 Hectare of forest land for exploration of hydrocarbon/ natural gas through drilling at location ROBL under DFO, Sepahijala., subject to the following conditions:

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

1. The user agency shall transfer, 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 and 09/05/2008 in Writ petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State concerned;
2. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
3. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA account only though e-portal(<https://parivesh.nic.in>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance;

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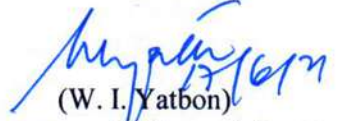
4. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
5. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the District Collector;
6. The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
7. 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 DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of forest land;
8. 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;

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on 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 prior to Stage-II approval:

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 3.56 ha double degraded forest land in C/S Plot 3188,3189,3190 of Khatian 2/49,2/50, Sonamura Forest Sub-Division, Boxanagar Range in Sepahijala District of Tripura at the cost of the User Agency;
3. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
4. The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mining and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;
5. The user agency shall obtain the mandatory Environment Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required;
6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
7. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government;
8. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
9. The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
10. 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;
11. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;

12. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
 13. The user agency shall submit the annual-self compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Integrated Regional Office and the this Ministry by the end of March every year;
 14. As per Ministry's letter No 11-30/96-FC(Pt) dt 14.9.2001, if the compliance of stipulated conditions is awaited from the State Govt for more than 5(five) years, the in-principle approval would be summarily be revoked considering that the user agency is no longer interested in the project;
 15. 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.
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 effected by the State Govt till final approval is granted by the Central Government.

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