

MEGHALAYA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

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

No. MePTCL/RE/KSS/T-26(NERPSIP)/2022-23/ 20

Dated: 21st April, 2022

To,

The Deputy General Manager,

NERPSIP, Khliehriat,

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

Sub: Diversion 4.85 Ha Forest land for construction of LOOP-IN section of the 132 kV MLHEP-Khliehriat transmission line at Mynkre under NERPSIP scheme by Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation

Limited.

Ref: - JH/100p-in/132/MLHEP/2019-20/1002/B/140

dated. Jowai, the 20th April 2022

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-in/132/MLHEP/2019-20/1002/B//40

Dated-Jowai, the 20 April/2022.

From:

The Divisional Forest Officer,

Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai.

To:

The Resident Engineer, 132, KV Grid Sub-station, MePTCL, Khliehriat.

Sub:

Proposal for diversion of 4.85 Ha of forest land for construction of Loop-in Section of the 132KV MLHEP-Khliehriat Line at Mynkre by Meghlaya Power Transmission

Corporation Limited (MePTCL).

Ref:

Letter No. MFG.22/488/551 dt-12.04.2022.

Sir,

With reference to to the subject cited above, I am to enclose herewith copy of the Stage-I approval for the proposal "Diversion of 4.85 Ha of forest land for construction of Loop-in Section of the 132 KV MLHEP- Khliehriat Line at Mynkre by Meghlaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited (MePTCL)which is self explanatory for your kind information and necessary action.

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

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior with 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 letter No. 05-03-2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06-01-2022 and 19-01-2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State concerned.

Compliance by the User Agency: The User Agency is hereby directed to pay an amount of Rs. 69, 67,850.00(Rupees Sixty Nine Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty) only towards the NPV (Net Present Value) @ Rs.14, 36,670/Ha. Name: CAF Meghalaya State CAMPA; Name of the Bank: Corporation Bank; Name of the Branch: CGO, Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-3; Account No: SB01025217; RTGS/IFSC Code: CORP000371.

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 provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Compliance by the User Agency: The User Agency is hereby directed to pay an amount of Rs. Rs. 92,76,555.00 towards the Compensatory Afforestation Fund @ Rs. 956345.89/Ha. In addition to Compensatory Afforestation the User Agency is required to pay an amount of Rs. 10,00,000.00 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 Adhoc-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; Account No: SB01025217; RTGS/IFSC Code: CORP000371.

3. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising dwarf plantation with the State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA.

Compliance by the User Agency: The User Agency is hereby directed to pay an amount of Rs. 9,26,141/- towards the Dwarf Plantation. The User Agency is requested to deposit to the Adhoc 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; Account No: SB01025217; RTGS/IFSC Code: CORP000371.

- **4.**The boundary of the diverted forest land, 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: **N. A.**
- 5. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance. The User Agency is requested to deposit to the A-dhoc 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; Account No: SB01025217; RTGS/IFSC Code: CORP000371.
- 6. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department: Cost of felling 2468.07c.ft @40/c.ft = 98,723.00; Royalty for 297Nos. of trees volume 69.888m³ = 1, 27,675.00. The User Agency is requested to deposit to the Divisional Forest Officer, (T) Account: The details of the Bank as follows: Name: Divisional Forest Officer Jaintia Hills

Territorial Division, Jowai; Name of the Bank: Punjab National Bank; Name of the Branch: Jowai; Account No: 0043050011820; RTGS/IFSC Code: PUNB 0004320.

- 7. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the District Collector: Complied by the User Agency.
- 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.05-02-2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019: An undertaking to be submitted by the User Agency.
- 9. The KML files of the area to be diverted and the CA area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all 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.
- 10. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/): Complied by the User Agency.

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. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged: Undertaking to be submitted by the User Agency.
- 2. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 9.7 ha of degraded forest and identified at Compartment No.11B, Saipung Reserve Forests, Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, East Jaintia Hills: To be complied by the DFO.
- 3. All other clearance/NOCs under different rules/regulations/local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest rights) Act,2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No.11-9/98-FC(Pt) dated 05.02.2013 shall be complied with: Undertaking to be submitted by the User Agency.
- 4. 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; Undertaking to be submitted by the User Agency.
- 5. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission through forest area by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-Fc dated 05-05-2014 & 19-11-2014; Undertaking to be submitted by the User Agency.
- 6. The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection)Act, 1986, if applicable; Undertaking to be submitted by the User Agency.

7. The layout of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

8. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land;

9. 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.

10. 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: To be complied by the DFO.

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 forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than the specified in the project proposal.

14. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulation and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project; undertaking to be submitted by the User Agency.

15. The User agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of stone, river, sand, river boulders in forest land.

16. 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.

C. After of the compliance report from the Sate 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 Government till final approval is granted by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer.

Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai. Dated-Jowai, the

April/2022.

Memo. No JH/Loop-in/132/MLHEP/2019-20/1002/B/ Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of his kind information

2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests (FC Act), Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of his kind information.

> Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai.