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22/03/22

**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH,
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE
ITANAGAR**

No. FOR. 829/CONS/2018/ 1166-70

Dated: 22nd March'2022.

To

The Executive Engineer (E),
Naharlagun Electrical Division,
Power Deptt.
Naharlagun.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 230.44 ha forest land for laying of 33 KV T/L from Naharlagun to Gerukamukh under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of transmission and distribution system by Power Department in Papum Pare District of Arunachal Pradesh -regarding.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. 3-AN A 022/2021-GHY/2124-2125 dtd. 17.03.2022, vide which, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati has conveyed in-principle approval for diversion of 230.44 ha forest land for laying of 33 KV T/L from Naharlagun to Gerukamukh under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of transmission and distribution system by Power Department in Papum Pare District of Arunachal Pradesh. You are requested to arrange to transfer the following amounts at an early date to enable this office to submit compliance report for obtaining final approval.

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| 1. Compensatory Afforestation over 460.91 ha. as per detailed estimate enclosed | :: Rs.16,20,79,900/- |
| 2. Cost of NPV over 230.44 ha | :: Rs.26,63,73,566 /- |
| 3. Cost of Dwarf Species Plantation for 230.44 ha as per detailed estimate enclosed. | :: Rs.6,92,40,000,- |

Further, you are requested to ensure compliance of all the conditions individually & separately and submit necessary undertakings in respect of relevant items wherever required to this office immediately along with compliance report. It may be noted that non-compliance of conditions individually is one of the most common cause of delay after remittance of amount/money towards compensatory levies.

The amounts mentioned at Sl. No. 1 to 3 above totalling Rs.49,76,93,466/- (Rupees forty nine crore seventy six lakh ninety three thousand four hundred sixty six) only is to be deposited by generating challan through on-line mode on web portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>) to the Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase-1, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC Code No. UBIN0903710) for credit in Account No. Arunachal Pradesh 520101263743426. Beneficiary Name: CAF, Arunachal Pradesh CAMPA. Further, the Certified copy of the receipt No. and RTGS document such as UTR No. etc of remittance may be sent to this office for further action.

Besides above, an undertaking to the effect that extraction cost of the project affected trees as calculated by the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change on the basis of actual number of trees to be felled will be paid by the User Agency may be submitted alongwith the compliance report of stipulated conditions of AIP. The extraction cost of trees actually to be felled is to be worked out by the DFO concerned and to be submitted to this office for approval and after obtaining approval, payment to be made by the User Agency.

Also, it is requested not to break the forest land till final approval of the proposal is granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

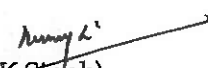
Enclo: As stated above

Yours faithfully

(R.K.Singh)
Principal CCF (A & V)
& Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, WAC, Banderdewa for information.
2. The Chief Engineer, Transmission, Planing & Monitoring Zone DoP, Vidyut Bhawan, Itanagar for information and necessary action.
- ✓ 3. The Executive Director, Power Grid Corporation Ltd., Itanagar for information and necessary action.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Banderdewa & Sagalee Forest Division for information. It is requested to submit the estimate for extraction cost of trees actually to be felled as per stipulated condition No.A (7 & 9) of AIP (enclosed) to this office through CCF, WAC immediately for approval.


(R.K. Singh)
Principal CCF (A & V)
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17th March, 2022

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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 230.44 ha of forest land for laying of 33 KV Transmission Line from Naharlagun to Gerukamukh under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of transmission and distribution system by Power Department in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FOR. 829/CONS/2018/1050-55 dated 26.04.2021 and No. FOR. 13-54/Cons/2020/811-13 dated 03.03.2022 on the subject seeking prior approval for the Central Government under Section 2 of the FCA, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by Central Government under Section 3 of aforesaid Act.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Govt and on the basis of the recommendations of Regional Empowered Committee on 15.09.2021 and State Govt letter No. FOR. 13-54/Cons/2020/811-13 dated 03.03.2022 and DSS report of FSI, Dehradun 11.03.2022, "In Principle Approval/Stage- I" clearance of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 230.44 ha of forest land for laying of 33 KV Transmission Line from Naharlagun to Gerukamukh under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of transmission and distribution system by Power Department in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh 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 (CA and dwarf plantation cost, NPV, etc) under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to Compensatory Afforestation Fund of Arunachal Pradesh State managed by the Ad-hoc CAMPA only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
- (4) The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC work, the proposed Catchment Area Treatment area and the WLMP 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.
- (5) 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 the pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- (6) 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;
- (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 the DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of forest land.
- (8) The expenditure like boundary walls, stone pillars, demarcation charges, cost of damage of trees the funds on these accounts should, be deposited with the DFO concerned.
- (9) The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- (10) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (11) 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.
- (12) The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department 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 to the State Forest Department.

(13) The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

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 forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) The compensatory afforestation shall be taken up on double the area i.e. 460.91 ha in two different divisions i.e. 404.65 ha at Panir Reserve Forest and Drupong Rserve Forest under Banderdewa Forest Division and 56 ha in Doimukh Reserve Forest in Kheel Toru Forest Range in Sagalee Forest Division Division in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh within three years from the date of Stage -II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at 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. The CA will be maintained for 10 years.
- (3) The proposed OB labour Sheds & MB type quarter in the Compensatory afforestation scheme should be of temporary structure and to be dismantled within 10 years from the 1st year of plantation. State Govt shall adhered to Section 5(4)(e) of CAF rules and other relevant Rules as applicable while implementing the Compensatory afforestation scheme; and accordingly technically approved and duly signed revised CA estimate scheme is to be submitted.
- (4) 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;
- (5) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions 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 Govt. of India.
- (8) No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- (9) The lay out of the proposal 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 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.

(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 the project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

(13) 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.

(14) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

(15) 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.

(16) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

(17) 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 years, the in-principle approval would be summarily revoked considering that the user agency is no longer interested in the project.

(18) Any other conditions that the Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

3. After the receipt of the compliance report from the State Government, fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, final/stage-II approval of the Central Government, in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, will be considered. Till the receipt of the Final / Stage-II approval of the Central Government for diversion of the said forest land from this Ministry, transfer of the said forest land to the User Agency shall not be affected by the State Government.

(W. Long)
वन महानिरीक्षक (केंद्रीय)
Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

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