

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6**

No. FRS.64/2017/111

Dated Dispur the 23rd March, 2017

From : Shri P. Choudhury, ACS
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Environment & Forest Department

To : The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change
North Eastern Regional Office,
Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen, Near M.T.C. Workshop, Shillong-793021.

Sub:- **Diversion of 0.069 hectare of forest land in Jeypore Reserve Forest for construction of Raw Water Intake Pump House on the Dilli River adjacent to the existing Water Intake Pump House in favour of APGCL.**

Case No. **State serial No. FP/AS/THE/8413/2014.**

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a proposal received from the P.C.C.F & H.O.F.F Assam, state for construction of Raw Water Intake Pump House on the Dilli River adjacent to the existing Water Intake Pump House under Dibrugarh Division of 0.069 hectare of forest land, submitted by Asstt. General Manager (Tech) O/o the Chief General Manager (Gen), Assam Power General Corp. Ltd, Bijulee Bhawan, Guwahati-1, seeking diversion of forest land under section 2 (ii) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

1. Brief Description:-

This proposal seeks diversion of 0.069 hectare of forest land in Jeypore Reserve Forest for construction of Raw Water Intake Pump House on the Dilli River adjacent to the existing Water Intake Pump House submitted by Asstt. General Manager (Tech) O/o the Chief General Manager (Gen), Assam Power General Corp. Ltd, Bijulee Bhawan, Guwahati-1. The proposed project is construction of an offshore raw water intake pump house at Dilli river near the existing intake pump house to meet water requirement for the existing power plant, on-going new thermal 1x 100 MW Namrup Replacement power project (ph-I), further expansion of the thermal project (Ph-II). The intake pump house will meet water requirement for power generation (100Mw) of the thermal power project and availability of power will help industrial growth and economic development of the State. The details of the project proponent, year of incorporation, past track record, areas of business operation along with project cost enclosed in the part-I submitted by user agency.

2. Details of forest land proposed for diversion :-

The total land involved in the project is 1.0 Ha. out of this, the forest land in the State of Assam is as follows:-

a) R.F	1.0 Ha.	a) Revenue forest	..... Ha.
b) P.F	..... Ha.	b) Panchayat forest	..... Ha.
c) Un-classed	.....Ha.	c) Area recorded	.....Ha.
d) Village forests	..... Ha.	d) Area defined as forests in dictionary meaning	..... Ha.
		e) Private forest	..... Ha.
Total 1.0 Ha.		Total	..... Ha.

3. Maps enclosed:-

The user agency has furnished the following maps duly countersigned by the Divisional Forest Officer,

- (i) Map showing the location of proposed project in the State (scale 1:50,000)
- (ii) Toposheet No.(s) of the Survey of India of the proposed diversion area (scale 1:50,000).
- iii) Geo-reference map showing the diversion area.
- iv) Map showing the proposed site for Compensatory Afforestation (scale 1:50,000 for non-forest areas and scale 1:15,000 for CA on double degraded forests).

Total forest area involved 0.069 Ha.

4. Assessment of stock:-

The forest area is situated in the Dibrugarh Division (s) of the State. The stock assessment is as per the enumeration list enclosed to Part-II (DFO's report). The proposed diversion falls under Eco Class-I (Open Forest).

5. Flora and Fauna and archaeological importance:-

The area does not form a part of National Park/Sanctuary or Biosphere Reserve, sample or preservation plot. But the distance of proposed pipe line from the northern boundary of Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary about 7.5 KM.

6. Compensatory Afforestation:-

The forest land to be diverted for the above project is 0.069 Ha. double the diverted area i.e 1.0 Ha. has been identified in degraded forest area for Compensatory Afforestation as given below in the table:-

District	Division	Range	Block	Compartment No.(s)	Area	Working Circles(s)	Felling Treatment Series
Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh Division		Jeypore Reserve Forest		1.0 Ha.		

The map showing the above identified land has been enclosed with the diversion proposal.

The above area is proposed to be covered under plantation. The Divisional Forest Office, has drawn-up compensatory afforestation scheme with a financial outlay of Rs 17,53,345.00. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme envisage one block of plantations of 1.0 Ha. in Jeypore Reserve Forest respectively of Dibrugarh Division. The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been technically approved by the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle Jorhat.

The Divisional Forest Officer Dibrugarh Division has given certificate regarding suitability of the lands for Compensatory Afforestation (1.0 Ha.). The user agency has furnished undertaking to deposit the amount of CA scheme after Stage I clearance.

7. Displacement of human population:-

No human population is being displaced owing to the project.

8. Environment Clearance:-

The environmental clearance against the project is not required.

9. Cost- benefit analysis:-

The cost benefit analysis has been worked out and provided in the diversion proposal. The cost of project. Rs. 2200.00 lakhs.

10. Violation of Forest Conservation Act/Indian Forest Act :-

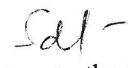
There is no report of any violation of the Act..

11. Recommendations of the State Government:-

The PCCF & H.O.F.F , Assam/ Nodal officer, has recommended the proposal. The Assessment officers and concerned senior officers without any adverse note, have commented in favour of the same. The proposed diversion site is not a part of National Park/Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve. Sample plot, preservation plot or ecologically fragile zone. The diversion will not affect the habitat of any endemic, threatened species of fauna or flora, or any stream, sea or water body i.e. on forest ecosystem and biodiversity. It will not also adversely affect on supply of daily needs to the rural masses.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly convey the approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest Conservation Act,1980 for diversion of the forest land in question in favour of leasing the same to Asstt. General Manager (Tech) O/o the Chief General Manager (Gen), Assam Power General Corp.Ltd, Bijulee Bhawan, Guwahati-1

Yours faithfully,

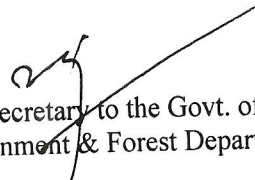

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Environment & Forest Department

Dated Dispur the 3rd March,2017

Memo No.FRS.64/2017/111-A,
Copy forwarded to

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam Panjabari Guwahati-37 for information.
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Upper Assam Zone, Guwahati
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, (F.C., Act) O/o the P.C.C.F & HoFF., Assam Panjabari, Guwahati-37 for information.
4. The Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat for information.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Dibrugarh Division, Dibrugarh for information
6. The Asstt. General Manager (Tech) O/o the Chief General Manager (Gen), Assam Power General Corp. Ltd, Bijulee Bhawan, Guwahati-1 for information.

By order etc.,


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