

GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT
MIZORAM :: AIZAWL

No. B.22013/19/2022-FC/PCCF/276-282

Dated Aizawl the 30th May, 2023

To,

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
 Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department
 Aizawl

Sub : **Diversion of 34.9963 ha. of forest land for Panisagar-Aizawl Natural Gas Pipeline Project –“Verification of IPA Compliance report”-reg.**

Ref : F.No. 3-MZ C 0512022-SHI/2995-96 dt. 25.01.2023

Sir,

With reference to the subject and letter No. cited above, I am directed to furnish herewith verification of the compliance report of conditions stipulated under In-Principle Approval for kind information and further necessary action please:

A. Conditions which need to be compiled prior to handling over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

Sl. No	Conditions stipulated by MoEF&CC	Compliance report by UA	DFO Aizawl verification	DFO Mamit verification	DFO Kawrthah verification	Remarks
1.	The user agency shall transfer, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per Ministry letters NO.5-3/2011-FC(Vol) dated 06.01.2022 and 19.01.2022	Rs 6,39,34,251/- was paid on 13.02.2023 including NPV amount of Rs 5,02,78,135/- to Mizoram CAMPA account into Union Bank of India through online portal on 13.02.2023	This will be shown in the State CAMPA Account.	Compiled by User Agency vide letter dated 17.2.2023.	This will be shown in the State CAMPA Account	User Agency has deposited Rs 5,02,78,135/- towards Net Present Value (NPV) in CAMPA Account on dt 13.02.2023. (Refer Annexure-A)
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	Rs 6,39,34,251/- was paid on 13.02.2023 including Compensatory Afforestation (CA) amount of Rs 1,36,56,116/- to Mizoram CAMPA	This will be shown in the State CAMPA Account.	Compiled by User Agency vide letter dated 17.2.2023.	This will be shown in the State CAMPA Account.	User Agency has deposited Rs 1,36,56,116/- towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA) in CAMPA Account. (Refer Annexure-A)

	portal. The scheme may include appropriate for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	account into Union Bank of India through online portal on 13.02.2023.				
3.	All the finds received from the user agency 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.	As per the norms payment was done on Parivesh e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in)	This will be shown in the State CAMPA Account.	Compiled by User Agency vide letter dated 17.2.2023.	This will be shown in the State CAMPA Account.	The funds amounting to Rs.6,39,34,251/- towards NPV, CA have been deposited by User Agency in CAMPA Account through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in) on dt
4.	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the District Collector.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure-B	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure-B	Compiled by User Agency vide letter dated 17.2.2023.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure-B	FRA, 2006 is not applicable in the State of Mizoram.
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 pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinated.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs 1,59,93,256/- including Rs.1,43,48,000/- for erection of boundary pillars in the State CAMPA Account No.4003625 9239, State Bank of India, Khatla Branch, Aizawl, Mizoram.	This must have been shown in the State CAMPA account.	Compiled by User Agency vide letter dated 17.2.2023 boundary pillar erection shall be done as and when fund is provided the division.	This must have been shown in the State CAMPA account.	User Agency has deposited Rs 1,43,48,000.00 towards cost of erection of boundary pillars in Mizoram State CAMPA Account on dt 17.02.2023. (Refer Annexure-C)
6.	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	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs 1,59,93,256/- including Rs.1,43,48,000/- for erection of boundary pillars in the State CAMPA Account	Fund received. Work is being carried out.	Fund for felling of project affected trees has been released to DFO Mamit vide letter No.B.20018 /38/2020-CAMPA/PCC F/74-80 DT	An amount of Rs 738595.00 only received for felling, logging and transportation in respect of Kawrthah Forest Division, work is being carried out	User Agency has deposited Rs 16,45,256.00.00 towards cost of felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees in Mizoram State CAMPA Account on dt 17.02.2023 (Refer Annexure-C)

	following the diversion of forest land.	No.4003625 9239, State Bank of India, Khatla Branch, Aizawl, Mizoram.		6.3.2023. Shall be compiled		
7.	User agency shall submit undertaking that the damage to the forest during construction should be minimum and also without affecting the adjacent patches of forest land.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure-D	No damage done so far	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	No damage done so far	
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	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure-E	No violation so far.	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	No violation so far.	
9.	The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://pariversh/nic.in/)	Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal	May be seen by Nodal Officer (FC)	Shall be compiled.	May be seen by Nodal Officer (FC)	Compliance report uploaded on PARIVESH Portal.

B. Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handling 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.

Sl No.	Conditions stipulated by MoEF&CC	Compliance report by UA	DFO Aizawl verification	DFO Mamit verification	DFO Kawrthah verification	Remarks.
1.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -F	No Comment	No Comment	No Comment	No Comment
2.	Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 69.9926 ha at 3 locations i.e. (i) 34.7604 ha under	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -G	9.461 Ha. within Tlawng RRF created under Aizawl Forest Division as and when	Shall be compiled.	25.7712ha at Tut-langkaih Protected Reserve Forest, Kawrtethawv eng range, Kawrthah Forest	Actions will be taken in due course of time.

	Mamit Forest Range, Mamit Forest Division, (ii) 9.461 ha at Uibo ram, Sateek within Tlawng Riverine Reserve Forest under Aibawk Forest Range of Aizawl Forest Division and (iii) 25.7712 ha at Tut-Langkaih Protected Reserve Forest, Kawrtethawveng Range, Kawrthah Forest Division. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.		CA fund received		Division shall be created as and when CA fund receive.	
3.	Permanent demarcation of forest land for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -H	Demarcation of forest land so diverted shall be done as and when the fund received.	Shall be compiled.	Demarcation of forest land so diverted shall be done as and when the fund received.	Action will be taken in due course of time.
4.	The user agency shall obtain the mandatory Environment Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required.	Not applicable	No comments.	NA	No comments.	NA.
5.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -I	Shall be ensured for no labour camp inside forest land	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	Shall be ensured for no labour camp inside forest land.	No comments.
6.	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.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -J	No comment	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	No comment	No comments.
7.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -K	No comment	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	No comment	No comments.

8.	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.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -L	No comment	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	No comment	No comments.
9.	The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure - M	No comment	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	No comment	No comments.
10.	Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of state Forest Deptt).	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -N	No comment	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	No comment	No comments.
11.	The user Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their action/ activities.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -O	No comment	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	No comment	No comments.
12.	Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -P	No comment	Shall be compiled by User Agency.	No comment	No comments.
13.	The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -Q	No comment	Shall be compiled	No comment	No comments.
14.	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	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -R	Being compiled.	Shall be compiled	Being compiled.	No comments.

	surrounding area.					
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.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -S	No comment	Shall be compiled	No comment	No comments.
16.	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.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -E	No comment	Shall be compiled	No comment	No comments.
17.	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, 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.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -T	No comment	Shall be compiled	No comment	No comments.
18.	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 compiled with.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -U	No comment	Shall be compiled	No comment	No comments.
19.	This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure -V		Shall be compiled		No comments.

	complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.					
20.	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, IRO, Shillong may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.	Undertaking enclosed as Annexure - W		Shall be compiled		No comments.

Enclo : As above.

Yours faithfully,

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Conservator of Forests (FC)

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Dated Aizawl the 30th May, 2023

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