

F. No. 8-85/2011-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 16th October, 2019

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment & Forests,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

Sub: Diversion of 4577.84 ha (originally proposed 5056.5 ha) of forest land in favour of M/s NHPC Limited for construction of Dibang Multipurpose Project (3000 MW) on Dibang River in Lower Dibang valley District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF & Nodal Officer(FCA), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh's letter No. FOR.10-44/Cons./2003/Vol-IV/2027-29 dated 20.09.2019 furnishing compliance report on the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 15.04.2015. After examination of said compliance report, the following shortcomings are noticed:

- (i) The CA area has been identified in RF/PRF and VFR, but it is not clear whether the proposed identified CA on forest land is of the crown density of below 40 percent. In accordance with para 2.4 (vii) of the hand book of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, CA area of less than 40% of the crown density over degraded forest land is acceptable. Moreover, the shape/kml file of CA sites is not given.
- (ii) In compliance to condition no.(xxi) of Stage-I Clearance, the approved Zonal Wildlife Conservation Plan with deposition of commensurate fund in CAMPA account is not given.
- (iii) There is displacement of 115 nos of families in instant proposal. Accordingly, approved R&R plan is required.
- (iv) The copy of approved CAT plan is not given.
- (v) In compliance to condition no.(xix) of Stage-I Clearance, no plan/scheme for creating and maintaining alternate habitat/home for the avifauna is given.
- (vi) In compliance to condition no.(vi) of Stage-I Clearance, the SoI topo-sheet map is not given.
- (vii) In compliance to condition no.(xxi) of Stage-I Clearance, the appropriate undertaking is not given.
- (viii) The present status on the recommendation of FAC which states that '*State Forest department should initiate the process to declare the right bank of the reservoir up to the ridgeline bordering the basin boundary between the Siang and Dibang up to Dri River to the north as a National Park for future preservation of ecological diversity in the River Basin*', may be given.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to provide documents/information as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma)

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Copy to:

1. The PCCF(HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Nodal Officer(FCA), Office of the PCCF(HoFF), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Shillong.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard file.