

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(F.C. Division)

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New Delhi: 110003,
Dated: 6th October, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Assam,
Guwahati.

Sub: Diversion of 523.046 ha of forest land for construction of Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project by Assam Power Generation Corporation under Dima Hasao West Division, Halflong and Hamren Division, Assam.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Assam's letter No FRS.152/2018/346 dated 11.09.2020 submitting the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in stage-I Clearance dated 05.02.2019. After examination of the compliance report, the following observations are made:

- i. in compliance to condition no.(iv) of in-principle approval which states, "*since muck disposal has not been permitted within the proposed diverted forest area 22 ha forest land shall be added to the already identified Green Belt within the proposed forest area for diversion and all other items will remain same as submitted earlier. Thus, 198.746 ha out of proposed diversion of 523.046 ha of forest land shall be maintained as Green Belt, the State Govt.*" has not been clearly mentioned that the said area will maintain as Green Belt and moreover no undertaking is given by the user agency. in addition, no scheme/plan prepared at the cost of the user agency for implementing the referred area as green belt.
- ii. It is mentioned in the transfer order of CA that the CA has been transferred to Forest Department for compensatory afforestation. It is not clear whether the proposed non-forest land identified for CA has been notified as PF/RF or not. If not, the same may be notified prior to Stage-II approval.
- iii. With regard to R&R plan, only undertaking is given by the user agency. Thus, the approved R&R plan is not given.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to kindly provide clarification/information/document on the points indicated at para (i) to (iii) above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Sandeep Sharma)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Assam, Guwahati.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF (HoFF) Government of Assam, Guwahati.
3. The DDG(Central), Regional Office, Shillong.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division-with a request to upload and issue.