

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi: 110003,
Dated: 10th November, 2022

To,

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

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

Madam/Sir

I am directed to refer to Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh letter No. FOR.85/CONS/2022/3192-99 dated 17.08.2022 w.r.t. the above-mentioned proposal informing the inability to comply with the recommendation of FAC held on 22nd and 23rd sept 2014 regarding initiation of 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 National Park for future preservation of ecological diversity in the River Basin.

2. In this regard, it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 17.10.2022. The detailed minutes of the said FAC meeting are uploaded in the parivesh.nic.in. After going through the facts and submissions made by the Nodal Officer and IRO, FAC opined that the said land may be considered for declaration as Community Reserve or Conservation Reserve under Wildlife Protection Act 1972 in consultation with the local people to safeguard the rights of indigenous community and the Nodal officer may submit the report within three weeks to this Ministry for further perusal.

3. In view of above the State Government is requested to submit the above mentioned report within three weeks from the date of issue of this letter to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bharadwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF& CC, Guwahati.
3. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, Government Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.