

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

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Dated: 20th November, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Forests & Wildlife Preservation Department,
Government of Agartala,
Tripura.

Subject: Diversion of 77.87 ha of forest land for establishment of Gas Based Thermal Power Project in Udaipur Forest Division of South Tripura District of Tripura –Proposal for change in land use -regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Tripura's letter No.F-6-477/FC/For-2005/Part-I/938-40 dated 20.10.2022 requesting for issuance of NOC for installation of Gas Drying Unit (GDU) in the 0.1 ha forest land within already diverted 77.87 ha forest land.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (AC) constituted under Section-3 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and its acceptance by the competent authority, approval of the Central Government is hereby accorded to change the land-use change for the establishment of Gas Drying Unit over 0.1 ha forest land situated within the 77.87 ha of forest land already diverted for establishment of Gas Based Thermal Power Project in Udaipur Forest Division of South Tripura District of Tripura, subject to the following conditions:

- i. *The interest amount (if any) due on the late payment of the balance 50% amount of the schemes for bio-diversity conservation and livelihood support as well as that for creation of green belt shall be deposited by the User agency.*
- ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall comply all the conditions stipulated in final approval/Stage – II clearance dated 25.04.2006, for diversion of 77.87 ha of forest land for establishment of Gas Based Thermal Power Project in Udaipur Forest Division of South Tripura District of Tripura.
- iii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated by the Central Government/Regional Offices/State Government with the approval of competent authority in future in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- iv. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order(s) and Hon'ble Court Order (s)

pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Tripura, Agartala.
2. The Nodal Officer under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Tripura, Agartala.
3. The Dy. Director General of Forests (Central) ,Regional Office, Shillong
4. User Agency (Tripura Power Development Company Ltd).
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, MoEF & CC, IPB, New Delhi