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

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

Sub: Diversion of 59.9 ha of forest land (Earlier 55.7 ha.) for construction of Heo H.E. Project (240 MW) in West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Heo Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd.-regarding change of name of the user agency from M/s. Heo Hydro Power Limited (original User Agency) to North Eastern Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO Limited) (a Government of India Enterprise).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh's letter No. FOR.322/CONS/2010/5859-65 dated 17th October, 2023 requesting to change of name of the user agency from M/s. Heo Hydro Power Limited (original User Agency) to North Eastern Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO Limited) (a Government of India Enterprise). After examination of the facts related to the instant proposal the following is observed:

- i. Reply of the Ministry's letter dated 23.06.2021 (Copy enclosed) has not been submitted.
- ii. Progress report of the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 27.10.2015 and 26.07.2020 has not been submitted.
- iii. KML files of proposed forest area as well as land identified for CA/ additional CA has not been submitted.
- iv. The State Govt. has not submitted their comments on the violation done by the previous user agency under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if any.
- v. The State Govt./user agency has not submitted the certificate of registration of the company register in the Company Registrar Office, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
- vi. At the time of the granting 'in-principle approval in favour of the old UA, CA land was considered on equivalent NFL and now the State Government is requesting transfer from Pvt. UA to a Govt. of India enterprise (CPSU), therefore, clear view of the State Government in this regard is required and whether the State is seeking the transfer of the approval granted earlier to

the new user agency on the conditions stipulated earlier, is to be clearly stated.

In view of the above the State Govt. is requested to submit the above mentioned information/clarification to this Ministry at the earliest.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal) Assistant Inspector General of Forest

Copy to:

- 1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- 2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- 3. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office at Shillong.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.