

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

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Dated: 31 January, 2024

To

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

Sub: Proposal for change of name of the User Agency from M/s Heo Hydro Power Ltd (original User Agency) to North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO Ltd.) (a Govt. of India Enterprise) in respect of diversion of 59.90 ha of forest land for implementation of 240 MW Heo Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh letter No.FOR.322/CONS/2010/5859-65 dated 17th October, 2023 requesting for change in the name of the user agency from M/s Heo Hydro Power Ltd (original User Agency) to North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO Ltd.) (a Govt. of India Enterprise) in respect of diversion of diversion of 59.90 ha of forest land for implementation of 240 MW Heo Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh.

2. After careful examination of the proposal in accordance with para 5.1 of the comprehensive Guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for change in the name of user agency, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval for change in the name of the user agency from M/s Heo Hydro Power Ltd (original User Agency) to North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO Ltd.) (a Govt. of India Enterprise) in respect of diversion of diversion of 59.90 ha of forest land for implementation of 240 MW Heo Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh, subject to the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 27.10.2015 (for 55.7 ha) and letter dated 26.07.2020 and also fulfillment of the following additional conditions:

- i. The State govt. shall ensure that the transfer fee of ₹10,00,000 (Rupees ten lakh) is deposited into CAMPA account of the concerned State Government.
- ii. The new user agency shall pay the NPV as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 06.01.2022 read with 22.03.2022 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State Concerned
- iii. The new user agency shall also pay the additional NPV, if so determined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- iv. The new user agency shall abide by all the conditions on which the forest land was leased/diverted in favour of the original user agency;

- v. The new user agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated by the Central Government/Regional Office/State Government in future in the interest of conservation, protection, and development of forests & wildlife.
- vi. The State Govt. and the user agency shall comply with the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours Sincerely,

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests & Environment, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Shillong.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests & Environment, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.
6. Guard File.