

F.No.8-02/2012-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi-110 510
Dated: 25 September, 2013.

To
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Mizoram,
Aizawl.

Sub : Diversion of 1551.60 ha of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Tipaimukh Hydro Electric Project in Mizoram

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Mizoram's letter no. G-20015/38/2009-FST dated 7th October 2011 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 13th and 14th August, 2013.

The Committee noted that part proposal for the same project seeking diversion of 27,777.50 ha in the State of Manipur was discussed by the FAC in its meeting held on 11th to 12th July, 2013 and the Committee after detailed deliberations on the proposal concluded that requirement of the forest land for the project is large and is disproportionate to its power generation capacity. Also very high ecological, environmental and social impact/cost of the diversion of vast tract of the forest land will far outweigh the benefits likely to accrue from the project. The FAC, therefore, strongly recommended that approval for diversion of the said forest land should not be accorded.

The FAC after deliberations on the issue recommended that since the proposal for Manipur part of the project, which constitutes major part of the project has not been recommended by FAC, the present proposal for diversion of 1551.60 ha of forest land may also not be recommended for approval. The Competent authority of this Ministry has accepted the recommendation of FAC for rejection of the proposal.

The State Government is therefore, requested to inform the project proponent accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


(T. C. Nautiyal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mizoram, Aizawl.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong.
3. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Mizoram, Aizawl.
4. User Agency (Chief Engineer, NHPC, Tipaimukh HE (M) Project, Kom Keirap, Manipur).
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

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