

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

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New Delhi

Dated: 9th June, 2020

To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 1165.66 ha (including 91.331 ha underground area) of forest land for construction of Etalin Hydro Electric Project (EHEP) (3097 MW) in Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Etalin Hydro Electric Power Company Limited, Arunachal Pradesh.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject proposal which was considered in Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 23.04.2020. The detailed minutes of the meeting may kindly be seen at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). The FAC *inter-alia* observed that:

- i. State Government shall submit cost benefit ratio analysis (C/B ratio) for the project as per the latest Guideline of the MoEFCC. The Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Shillong will be associated with the analysis exercise.
- ii. State Government shall submit details of the forest area including the KML files, which FAC sub-committee had recommended to be surrendered /reduced.
- iii. The area is rich in bird life (230 bird species have been recorded by WII). State Government will therefore, review if trees marked for felling could be left as such, at least in the reservoir area, as dried trees could also be used as bird habitat.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to provide the information/documents/clarification at para (i) to (iii) above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The PCCF(HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Nodal Officer(FCA), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The DDG (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Shillong.
4. User Agency.
5. Guard file.
6. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.