

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

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**Dated: 19th June, 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 Govt. of Tripura's letter No.F-6-477/FC/For-2005/Part-I/938-40 dated 20.10.2022 submitting a request to the Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Shillong of this Ministry 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. This request was forwarded by IRO Shillong to this Ministry through e-file on which the Ministry desired to submit a proper proposal of land use change along-with requisite information. However, IRO Shillong vide their letter No.8-60/2005-FC/3595-96 dated 30.03.2023 sought certain information from the State Govt. and the same has been provided by State Govt. vide their letter No.F-6-477/FC/For-2005/Part-I/155-157 dated 10.04.2023 to IRO Shillong. Further, the same request of the State Govt.has been forwarded by IRO Shillong to this Ministry on file.

2. After due examination of the request for change in land use in already diverted area 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, the following is observed:

- I. The component-wise and purpose-wise land use for entire diversion of 77.87 ha of forest land for establishment of Gas Based Thermal Power Project is not available. The same needs to be submitted with commensurate KML file showing each component.
- II. The present land use of 0.1 ha of forest land within already diverted 77.87 ha forest land with KML may be furnished.
- III. As per DSS report, the proposed 0.1 ha forest for installation of gas drying unit (GDU) is located at a distance of 9.98 Km from the Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary. It may be clarified whether the proposed area falls in Eco-sensitive Zone. The clarification along with comments of Chief Wildlife Warden may be furnished.
- IV. On perusal of monitoring report of IRO, Shillong with regard to condition no. (vii) of approval dated 25.04.2006, it is noticed that the balance 50% of the schemes for bio-diversity conservation and livelihood support as well as that for creation of green belt had been deposited by the user agency on 17.03.2009, which needs to be deposited within six month from the date of handing over the forest land to the user agency. This may be clarified whether the condition of approval has been complied in time.

In view of above, Govt. of Tripura is requested to kindly furnish the information/clarification along with documentary evidences to this Ministry for further action

Signed by

Yours faithfully,

Dheeraj Mittal

Date: 20-06-2023 09:36:28 (Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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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. Regional Officer, integrated Regional Office, Shillong: **with a request to submit the details of partly complied conditions of approval dated 25.04.2006 for instant proposal with justification and documentary evidences.**
4. User Agency.
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, MoEF & CC, IPB, New Delhi.