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

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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi – 1100 03 Dated: 29th June, 2021

**To, The Principal Secretary (Forests),** Department of Forests and Environment, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

**Sub:** Diversion of 52.8 ha of forest land (surface forest land-47.7 ha, reiverbed-2.3 ha & underground area-2.8 ha) for construction of Tato-I H.E. Project (186 MW) in West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Siyota Hydro Power Pct. Ltd.- -regarding

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Forest Department's letter No. FOR.313/CONS/2010/Part/765-68 dated 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 with respect to the above mentioned proposal, recommending the extension of validity of AIP issued vide No. F. No. 8-102/2013-FC dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 for another 2 years on the ground as requested by User Agency. Before considering the recommendation of State government for the instant proposal, the State Government may submit the following information/clarifications:

- i. CA Scheme was prepared in 2013 or prior to that. State government may clarify if the old cost norms are still valid for this project. It may be confirmed if the CA can be achieved as per old estimates or the State is going to revise them.
- ii. It is noted that more than six years has elapsed since issue of Stage-I approval. In this regard it may be checked and clarified if there is any change in land use/vegetation character in the proposed forest land under diversion and proposed CA.
- iii. It may be clarified that why the land which was identified for CA could not be acquired even after six years and compensatory levies have not been deposited yet.

In view of above, I am directed to request to the State Govt. to provide suitable justification on the above mentioned points at the earliest for further consideration of this proposal.

Yours faithfully, *Sd/-*(Sandeep Sharma) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- i. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- ii. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Guwahati.
- iii. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

v. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.

iv.User Agency.