

**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
ITANAGAR**

No. FOR.13-55/Cons/2020/ 3446-81
To

Itanagar dated 31st Aug'2021

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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati,
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Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 78.548 ha of forest land for laying of 132 KV 5/C (on DC tower) Transmission Line from Seppa to Bameng under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of transmission and distribution system by Power Department in East Kameng District. of Arunachal Pradesh.

Ref:- Your letter No. , 3-ANA 014/2021-GHY/658-659 dtd. 08.07.2021.

Sir,

With reference to your letter cited above, this is to submit compliance report as below of the conditions stipulated therein for favour of your information and necessary action:

A Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

1	The user agency shall transfer, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State concerned.	The amount of Net Present Value of the forest land diverted under this proposal for Rs.7,37,56,572/- has been deposited to National Authority (CAMPA) as per e-challan dated 23.07.2021 and deposited on 09.08.2021 (Annexure-I).
2	The non-forest land/Village Reserve Forest proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RE/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval.	The copys of Notification are enclosed at Annexure-II.
3	The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The	The cost of compensatory afforestation Rs.5,71,32,000/- and dwarf species plantation to Rs.2,45,79,000/- has been deposited to National Authority (CAMPA) as per e-challan dated 23.07.2021 and

	scheme may include appropriate for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	deposited on 09.08.2021 (Annexure-I).
4	All the above funds received from the User Agency (CA and dwarf plantation cost, NPV etc.) under the project shall be transferred/deposited to Compensatory Afforestation Fund of Arunachal Pradesh State managed by the Ad-hoc CAMPA only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.	A total fund of Rs.15,54,67,572/- towards the cost of compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value and cost of Dwarf Species Plantation has been transferred to National Authority (CAMPA) account as per e-challan dated 23.07.2021 and deposited on 09.08.2021 (Annexure-I).
5	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	Noted.
6	The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from the pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition (Annexure-III).
7	The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition (Annexure-IV).
8	The charges for felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees should be collected from the User Agency at the rates approved by the state Govt. and deposited with the DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of forest land.	An amount of Rs.27,50,725/- towards cost of felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees of the land proposed for diversion has been deposited directly to the Divisional Forest Officer, Seppa Forest Division
9	The expenditure like boundary walls, stone pillars, demarcation charge, cost of damage of trees the funds on these accounts should, be deposited with the DFO concerned.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-V).
10	The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-VI).
11	The complete compliance of FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 issued by DC, East Kameng District (Annexure-VII)
12	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter I of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-VIII).

	Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019.	
13	The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest.	The scheme for dwarf species plantation has been prepared and sent to IRO, Guwahati with the diversion proposal

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

1	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.	Noted.
2	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up on 157.10 ha Village Forest Reserve i.e 88.10 ha in Kassing Putu (Ago) VFR and 69.00 ha in Repari (Rakhe) VFR in Hapoli Forest Division in Lower Subansiri District within three years from the date of Stage-II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. The CA will be maintained for 10 years.	Noted.
3	The Proposed OB labor sheds and MB type quarter in the Compensatory Afforestation scheme should be of temporary structure and to be dismantled within 10 years from the 1 st year of plantation. State Govt shall adhere to Section 5(4)(e) of CAF rules and other relevant Rules as applicable while implementing the Compensatory afforestation scheme; and accordingly technically approved and duly signed revised CA estimate scheme is to be submitted.	Noted.
4	At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-VIX).
5	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.	Not applicable.
6	No labor camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the laborers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby Forest areas.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-X).


7	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-XI).
8	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-XII).
9	The layout of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-XIII).
10	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.	Noted.
11	The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-XIV).
12	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-XV).
13	The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission line through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-XVI).
14	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for the execution of the project work.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-XVII).
15	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.	Noted.
16	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The User Agency has submitted undertaking for this condition. (Annexure-XVIII).
17	As per the Ministry Letter No. 11-30/96-FC(Pt) dt. 14.09.2001, if the compliance of stipulated conditions is awaited from the State Govt. for more than 5(Five) years, the in-principle approval would be summarily revoked considering that the user agency is no longer interested in the project.	Noted
18	Any other conditions that the Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests& wildlife.	Noted.

It is, therefore, requested to kindly issue necessary formal approval for diversion of 78.548 ha forestland for construction of above Transmission line under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 at an early date.

The additional information is also enclosed at Annexure 'A'.

Enclosed:- As above

Yours faithfully,


(R.K. Singh)
PCCF (A&V) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, WAC, Banerdewa for information.
2. The Executive Engineer (E), Seppa Electrical Division, Power Deptt., Seppa for information and necessary action
3. The Executive Director, Power Grid, Itanagar for information and necessary action
4. The Chief Engineer (T&P) & Chairman, Sipi CSS T&Ds, Vidyut Bhawan, Itanagar for information and necessary action
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Seppa Forest Division for information


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