GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT JANATA BHAWAN, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

eCF No.197315/199

Dated Dispur, the July, 2024

- From : Smti. Neera Daulagupu, ACS, Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.
- To : The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub Office, Guwahati (Under Regional Office, Shillong) 4th Floor, Housefed Building, G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022.

Sub : Compliance of the conditions laid down in the "In–Principle approval" for diversion proposal of 18.028 Ha. of forest land for construction and commissioning of 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS under Rakhayashini PRF of Sardar Range of Goalpara Division in favour of Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Guwahati.

Ref : Government of India letter No. 3 AS C 093/2022-GHY/2964-2965 dated 01.09.2022.

Sir,

I am directed to submit herewith the report regarding compliance of the conditions enlisted in the Central Government's "In–Principle Approval/Stage-I" clearance issued vide the letter under reference for the above-mentioned forest diversion proposal as given below:

Condition	Compliance Report/Remarks
No. A	
1	The User Agency (Railway) has deposited Rs. 2,01,35,473/- for Net
	Present Value against forest land to be diverted.
2	The User Agency (Railway) has deposited Rs. 2,29,35,037/- for raising of
	Compensatory Afforestation.
3	The User Agency (Railway) has deposited a total amount of Rs.
	5,84,84,493/- into Ad-hoc CAMPA account through online web portal
	(www.parivesh.nic <u>.in</u>) of MoEF&CC on 24.11.2022 (copy enclosed).
	The details are as follows:
	Net Present Value = Rs. 2,01,35,473/-
	Compensatory Afforestation = Rs. 2,29,35,037/-
	Over Head Cost = Rs. 1,14,67,519/-
	Dwarf Plantation = Rs. 39,46,464/-
	Total Rs. 5,84,84,493/-
4	The KML file of proposed diversion area and Compensatory Afforestation
	area uploaded in e-Green watch Portal (copy enclosed).
5	The boundary of the diverted forest land has been demarcated on ground
	at the project cost, by erecting four feet high RCC pillars, each inscribed
	with its serial number and GPS co-ordinates by the DFO, Goalpara
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	Division (Copy of Photographs enclosed herewith)
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7	The User Agency (Railway) has deposited Rs. 20,92,000/- into the CWLW, Assam CORPUS Fund for 2% of total project cost of HEC and
	Wildlife Conservation purpose.
8&9	The DFO, Goalpara Division has submitted the Elephant Conservation
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	carried out as per IE Rules with maintaining specific clearance.
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You are, therefore, requested to kindly take necessary action for issuance of "Final Approval" for the forest diversion proposal.

Enclo : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department

Memo eCF No.197315/199-A Copy forwarded to: Dated Dispur, the July, 2024

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam (i/c), Panjabari, Guwahati-37 with reference to letter no FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Transmission line/Railway/Goalpara Dated 8/7/2024

> e-signed Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department

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1201 **GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM** OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, ASSAM ARANYA BHAWAN, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-37

No. FG.27/1	FCA/Proposal/Transmission Line/Railway/Goalpara	Date: 08.07.2024
То	The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam	R
	Environment and Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.	
Sub:	Compliance of the conditions laid down in the "In–Prin proposal of 18.028 Ha. of forest land for construction a Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS under	nd commissioning of 132 KV

Range of Goalpara Division in favour of Central Organisation for Railway

Government of India letter No. 3 AS C 093/2022-GHY/2964-2965 dated 01.09.2022. Ref:

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Therefore, you are requested to kindly forward the compliance report to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Sub Office, Guwahati for issue of "Final Approval" for the forest diversion proposal.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. C Mutherkumaravel, IFS) Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Assam

Copy to:

- 1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Assam Circle, Basistha, Guwahati-29 for kind information.
- 2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara Division, Goalpara for information.
- 3. The Chief Project Director, Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011for information.

Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Assam

DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF 132 KV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM AGIA TO GOALPARA <u>PROPFORMA</u>

1	State/ District /Forest Division to which	Assam/ Goalpara / Goalpara Division.
2	the proposal relates Name of User Agency, nature of proposal	The Chief Project Director, Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011.
		Diversion proposal of 18.028 Ha. of forest land for construction and commissioning of 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS under Rakhayashini PRF of Sardar Range of Goalpara Division in favour of Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Guwahati.
3	Extent of Forest area involved	18.028 Ha. of Reserved Forest
4	Whether original, or extension	Original
5	If extension of lease, please clarify if proposal involves additional forest area, and if so, specify	Does not arise.
6	Date of 1 st stage clearance	01.09.2022.
7	Extent of CAMPA charges, head wise viz.	
	(a) Compensatory Afforestation	Rs. 2,29,35,037/-
	(b) Additional CA.	NIL
	(c) Penal CA	NIL
	(d) Catchment Area Treatment	NIL
	(e) Wildlife Management Plan	NIL
	(f) Additional charges for diversion of area falling under notified/ protected areas	NIL
	(g) Net Present Value	Rs. 2,01,35,473/-
	(h) Any other charges/ Levies (Pl	Rs.1,14,67,519/- for Over Head Cost and Rs.
	specify)	39,46,464/- for Dwarf Plantation Cost.
8	Details of Bank Drafts (Bank, Draft	NIL
	No, Date & Amount), head wise against	
	items indicated in paragraph 7 above	
9	Whether deposited by RTGS, if so the	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.
	particulars and date of remittance	5,84,84,493/- into Ad-hoc CAMPA account through
		online web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) of MoEF &
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10	Bank (Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex/ Union Bank of India, Sunder	
	Nagar) in which deposited with date	
	deposition.	
11	Any other remarks	NIL

Chief Conservator of Porest & Nodal Officer, (F.C. Act) O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forests Force Assam

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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER (T) : GOALPARA DIVISION:GOALPARA

No. A/GLP (T)/ NHIDCL/2023-24/ 3944-45

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- The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forests Force, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
- Sub:- Submission of documents for **Final approval** of the 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS under Rakhyashini PRF thereof.
- Ref: Inspector General of Forests(C),GOI's letter No.F.No.3AS C093/2022-GHY/2964-2965, dtd.01.09.2022.

Sir,

To

With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to submit herewith the following

documents for **Final approval** of the 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS under Rakhyashini PRF(User Agency) against the diversion proposal for an area of 18.28 ha. pertaining to this

Division.

List of documents :-

LIFF

- 1. Copy of NPV- 18.028 ha. for Rs.2,01,35,473.00
- 2. Copy of an Agreement- 1 No.
- 3. Copy of "In Principal approval/Stage-I" .
- 4. Copy of Geo-tagged images of boundary pillars along with

diverted areas to 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS under Rakhyashini PRF.

Further, in this regards, it is pertinent to mentioned here that, already the user agency has obtained the "In Principal approval" letter issued from Inspector General of Forests(C),GOI's letter No.F.No.3AS C093/2022-GHY/2964-2965, dtd.01.09.2022.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action. Enclo:- As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(Tejas Mariswamy, IFS) Divisional Forest Officer(T) Goalpara Division.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Central Assam Circle, Assam, Basistha, Guwahati-29 for favour of his kind information and necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer(T) Goalpara Division.





GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER :: GOALPARA DIVISION GOALPARA

NET PRESENT VALUE

N.P.V. – Value on the basis of density as per Hon'ble Supreme Court latest order category ECO class I open forest (18.028 ha. $\times 11,16,900/-$) = Rs. 2,01,35,473/-

(Rupees Two Core One Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Three) only

Km Divisional Forest Officer (T) Goalpara Division

Office of the Chief Project Director Railway Electrification New Jalpäiguri Near GSD Complex, P.O-Bhaktinagar WEST BENGAL, PIN-734007

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Sub: Deposition of 2% Project cost for Human Elephant/ wildlife Conflict & Wildlife Conservation Purpose.

Ref: Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam/ Panjabari, Guwahati-37's letter No. WL/ FG 35/Diversion proposal for Transmission line.

In reference to above, as per estimated 2% Project cost as received from your end vide letter under reference, the payment Rs. 20.92 Lacs (Rupees Twenty Lakh Ninety Two Thousand) only has been deposited on line in favour of **"PCCF Wildlife** & CWLW, Assam", vide Bank account No. 50100522482250, IFSC- HDFC0000264, Branch code: 0264, HDFC Bank, G.S. Road, Guwahati.

This is for your kind information to obtain working permission to carry out construction of 132 KV Transmission line in the proposed land within Rakhayashini PRF under Goalpara Forest Division, Assam.

> (N.R. Chakraborty) SEE/RE/Guwahati For, Chief Project Director Railway Electrification New Jalpaiguri

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 CPD/NJP, for kind information please.
 The Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal officer (FCA)/ Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati, for kind information to get working permission please.

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Government of India पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, गुवाहाटी/Integrated Regional office, Guwahati चौथी मंजिल, हौसेफेड इमारत, जी एस रोड, रुक्मणी गाँव, गुवाहाटी- ७८१०२२ ४^ш Floor, Housefed building, GS Road, Rukmini gaon, Guwahati -781022 दूरमाष /Tel Fax: 0.361-2330984, E-mail: iro.guwahati-mefec@gov.in

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F.No.3 AS C 093/2022-GHY/2984-2965

01st September, 2022

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अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary, असम सरकार/Govt of Assam, पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Environment and Forests Deaprtment, दिसपुर/Dispur, गुवाहाटी/Guwahati-781006.

Sub: Proposal is for diversion of 18.028 ha of forest land for construction and commissioning of 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS under Rakhayashini PRF of Sardar Range of Goalpara Division in favour of Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Guwahati.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FRS.10/2022/108 dated 10.03.2022 and even letter No. dated 24.08.2022 on the subject seeking prior approval for the Central Government under Section 2 of the FGA, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by Central Government under Section 3 of aforesaid Act.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Govt and on the basis of the recommendations of Regional Empowered Committee on 25.08.2022 and State Govt letter No. FRS.10/2022/108 dated 24.08.2022, "In Principle Approval/Stage- I" clearance of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 18.028 ha of forest land for construction and commissioning of 132 KV Transmission line from Agla GSS to Goalpara TSS under Rakhayashini PRF of Sardar Range of Goalpara Division in favour of Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Guwahati, subject to the following conditions:

- 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) in the revised rate 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 letters No 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 and File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 21.03.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State concerned;
 - (2) 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

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- (3) All the 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 Assam 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.
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- (6) The expenditure like boundary walls, stone pillars, demarcation charges, cost of damage of trees the funds on these accounts should, be deposited with the DFO concerned.
- (7) The user agency i.e. Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Guwahati to deposit Rs 2 % of the total project cost for Human Elephant Conflict mitigation and wildlife conservation purposes to Ad hoc CAMPA, as the area is frequented by the movement of wild elephants.
- (8) The approved HEC mitigation and wildlife conservation plan to be submitted prior to State-II approval.
- (9) The user agency i.e. Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Guwahati, shall also follow all the guidelines issued by Wildlife Institute of India/MoEF & CC for maintaining, the required height and protection to movement of birds/wildlife.
- (10) Since 2 Nos transmission line (a) 132 KV Agia to Matia and (b) 400 KV Salekathi to Mirza already running through the Rakhyasini PRF. This 132 KV transmission line also run parallel to above transmission line, the user agency shall maintain keeping basis height of each tower a minimum of 27 mts, and the span of the conductor ground clearance of minimum 20 mts to 23 mts.
- (11) The Northern Frontier Railways will continue to follow the existing speed restriction after electrification of Railway Track.
- (12) 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;
- (13) 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.
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- (15) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (16) 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 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019.
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- (1) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
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- (3) 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;
- (4) An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions of the approved HEC mitigation and wildlife conservation plan shall be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati.
- (5) The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
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- (13) The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
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- (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.
- (16) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (17) As per Ministry's letter No 11-30/96-FC(Pt) dt 14.9.2001, 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.
- (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.

3. After the receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, final/stage-II approval of the Central Government, in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, will be considered. Till the receipt of the Final / Stage-II approval of the Central Government for diversion of the said forest land from this Ministry, transfer of the said forest land to the User Agency shall not be affected by the State Government.

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Govt of Assam, Environment and Forest Department, Aranya Bhawan, Rop Konwar Jyoti Prasad, Agarwal Path, Near Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037.

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AGREMENT

This "AGREEMENT" is made on this14th day of the month of MARCH, 2023 BETWEEN

DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, Goalpara Forest Division, Goalpara, P.O. & P.S- Goalpara, Dist- Goalpara, Assam (which expression shall unless and otherwise contrary or repugnant to the context and meaning made herein include his heirs, successors, assignees, legal Representative, assignee. etc.) of the FIRST PART/1st Party.

-AND-

CENTRAL ORGANIZATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, NEW JALPAIGURIPROJECT, P.O. P.S. BHAKTINAGAR, Dist-Jalpaiguri, State-West Bengal, Represented by Mr.Nihar Ranjan Chakrabarty, SEE/RE (which expression shall unless and otherwise contrary or repugnant to the context and meaning made herein include his heirs, successors, legal Representative, assignee etc.) of the SECOND PART/2nd Party.

Whereas, the 1st party is the legal Representative of Forest Department, Govt. of Assam for his jurisdiction of Goalpara Forest Division being the Divisional Forest Officer.

Whereas, the 2nd party is also a Central Govt. Organization of Indian Railway Department and specially working for Railway Electrification works over Indian

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Regd. NO. 04) AND WHEREAS, to avoid any future dispute and discrepancy in between the well as the Department of Forest, Govt. of Assam, Represented by parties Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara Forest Division AND Central Organization for Railway Electrification, the parties voluntarily agreed and decided to enter into an AGREEMENT to confirm the terms and conditions to avoid any future dispute and differences in between the parties/ departments.

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We both parties have heard and understood all the provisions of this greement and signed this Agreement in good faith and spirit without request from anyone else on this day, month and year mentioned first written at GOALPARA.

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Address: Office of the Chief Project

Name: NIHAR RANJAN CHANKRABORTY

Director, New Jaipaiguri, PO & PS- Bhaktinagar,

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Rank: SEE/RE

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Name: JITENDRA KUMAR Rank: Divisional Forest Officer Address: Goalpara Forest Division P.O.Baladmari & Dist-Goalpara (Assam)

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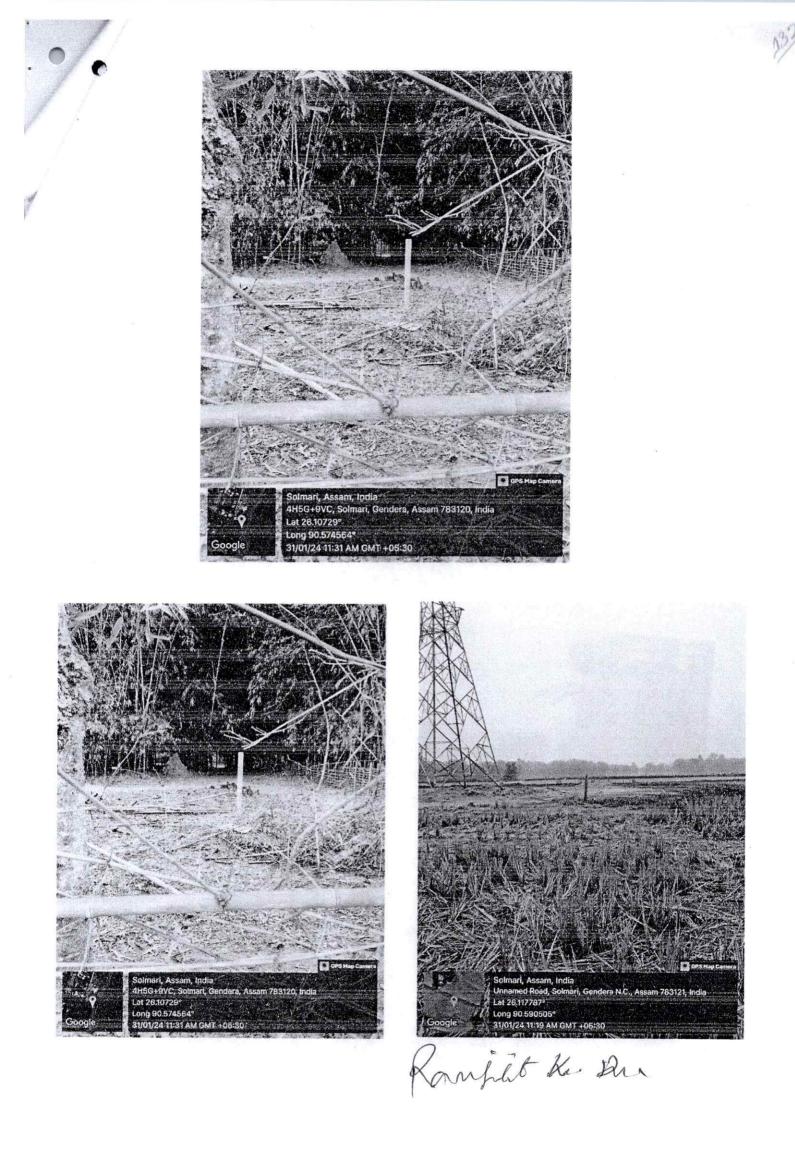
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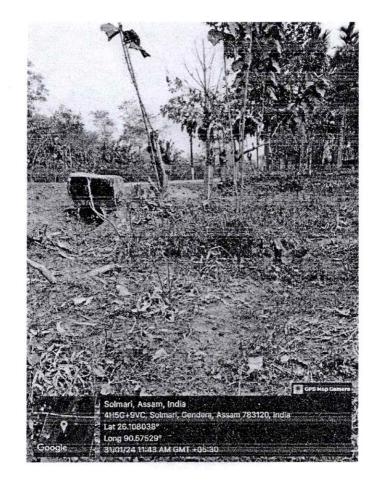
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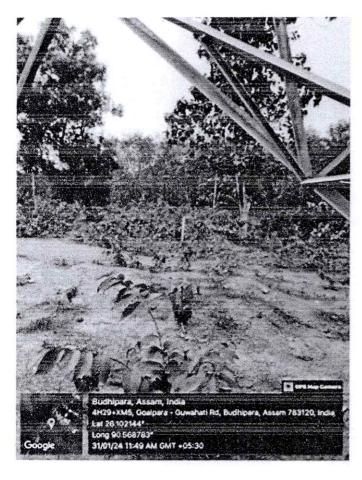
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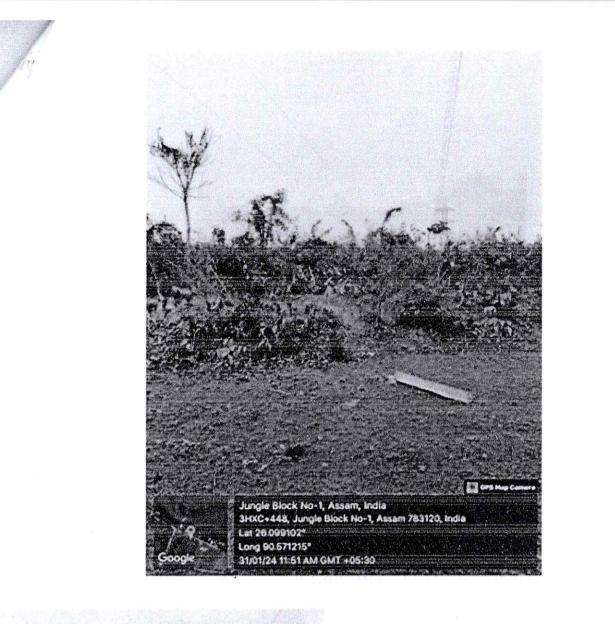




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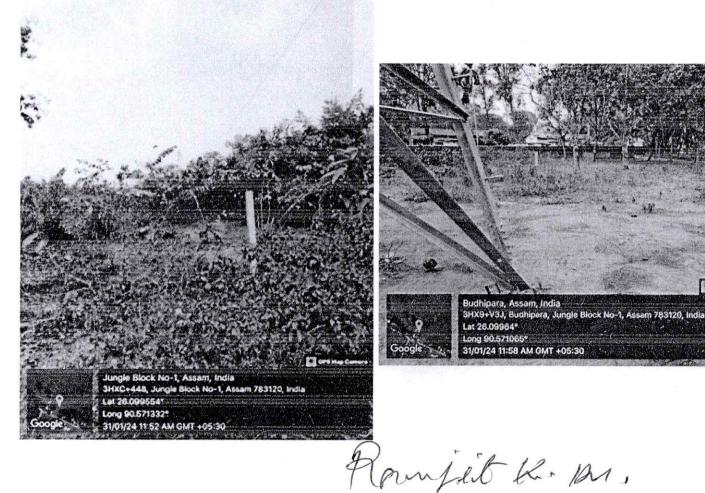


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Divisional Forest Officer Goalpara Division

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Sub:- Submission of information on compliance laid down in the "In – Principal Approval" for forest diversion proposal for 18.028 Ha. Forest and for construction and commissioning of 132 KV Transmission Line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS in Rakhayashini PRF under Goalpara Division in favour of Railway Electrification, N.F. Railway.

Ref:- Your letter no. (i) B/GLPT(T)/FCA/Railway Electrification/271-74 dated 24.04.2024 (ii) B/GLPT(T)/FCA/Railway Electrification/272-74 dated 14.05.2024

In reference to the above, the required information/Documents according to the Inspector General of Forest(C), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Guwahati's letter No. F.No.3 AS C 093/2022-GHY/2964-2965 dtd 01-09-2022 are enclosed herewith ad Annexure A (Total pages 03 nos.) & Annexure B (Total pages 02 nos.). The undertaking of part A, SN 11 & Part B is submitted for your information & necessary action please.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the same.

DA : As above(12 pages) 2) KML file - 63 mb.

(N.R. Chakraborty) Divisional Electrical Engineer (Con) Railway Electrification New Jalpaiguri

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	11	The Northern Frontier Railway will continue to follow the existing speed restriction after electrification of Railway Track.	To be followed. (Undertaking is attached)
	12	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 unavailable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.	It is being followed strictly Jointly with Forest Department/Goalpara.

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16	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed n Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbooks of comprehensive guidelines of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017 Fc dated 28.03.2019	All condition as prescribed is being followed and the matter of violation of this condition does not arise.
17	The user Agency 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 said scheme to the State Forest Department.	Railways already deposited amount of Rs. 39,46,464/- (Thirty Nine Lakhs Forty Six Hundred Sixty Four only)) to CAMPA through e-portal by generating e- challan on web portal(https:/parivesh.nic.in) against the DFO/GLPT's Estimated cost of Dwarf Species Plantation against diversion of 18.028 ha. Forest land for construction and Commissioning of 132
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B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over the forest land to user agency by the State Forest Department but compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage - II approval:

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	Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of forest land has unchanged.
2	The compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over double the degraded forest land of 36.06 ha in two patches i.e. 25.06 ha and 11 ha in compartment No. 1 Guriajhar Block, Goalpara division in Goalpara district of Assam with in 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.	Railways already deposited amount of Rs. 2,29,35,037/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Nine Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Thirty Seven Only) in the month of Nov'2022 to CAMPA through e-portal by generating e- challan on web portal(https:/parivesh.nic.in) against the estimated cost of DFO/GLPT's for Compensatory afforestation over double the degraded forest land of 36.06 ha in two patches i.e. 25.06 ha and 11 ha in compartment No. 1 Guriajhar Block, Goalpara division district- Goalpara, Assam
3	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.	Undertaking already furnished on 01.05.2021.
	An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions of the approved HEC mitigation and wildlife conservation plan shall be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati	To be complied by DFO(T), Goalpara
	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;	The Railway shall obtained the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
i a	No labour camp shall be established on forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby the forest area.	No labour camp has been established on forest land and no fuels are being used at site for the working staffs
C F	other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.	It is being followed and to be followed strictly.
3 N a		It is being followed and still maintained there is no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area.

- 4	9	The layout of the proposed shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	None of layout has been changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
	10	The concerned Divisional Forest Officers, Will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.	The concerned Divisional Forest Officers, are monitoring and taking necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
	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 Railway will provide bird guard, which will be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits during stringing of transmission line.
	12	The User Agency shall comply 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.	It will be followed if any and if applicable to the project.
	13	The User Agency shall comply the guidelines for laying transmission through forest area issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012- FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014	Railway strictly followed the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014 for laying transmission through forest area
	14	No additional or new path will be constructed in side the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the works	No additional or new path have been constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the works
	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 Railway have not used forest land for any other purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
		As per Ministry's 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
		Any other conditions that the Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.	Noted

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I, on behalf of Construction Organization, Railway Electrification, N. F. Railway, hereby is submitting the undertaking that the Northern Frontier Railway will continue to follow the existing speed restriction after electrification of Railway Track.

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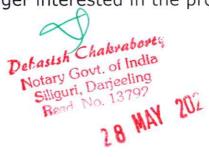
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- 5. The Railway shall obtained the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
 - No labour camp has been established on forest land and no fuels are being used at site for the working staffs.
 - It is being followed and to be followed strictly that 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.
- 8. It is being followed and still maintained that there is no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area.
- 9. None of layout has been changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.



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- •10. The concerned Forest Officials are monitoring. Still now no any adverse impact held surrounding the forest area during the construction of 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS.
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 - 14. Neither additional or new path have been constructed nor to be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the works.
 - 15. It is noted that the period of diversion under this approval shall be coterminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the Railway or the project life, whichever is less.
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Sub:- Submission of information on compliance laid down in the "In – Principal Approval" for forest diversion proposal for 18.028 Ha. Forest and for construction and commissioning of 132 KV Transmission Line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS in Rakhayashini PRF under Goalpara Division in favour of Railway Electrification, N.F. Railway.

Ref:- Your letter no. (i) B/GLPT(T)/FCA/Railway Electrification/271-74 dated 24.04.2024 (ii) B/GLPT(T)/FCA/Railway Electrification/272-74 dated 14.05.2024

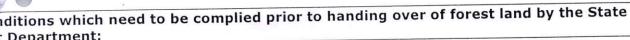
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Please acknowledge the receipt of the same.

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14	The User agency shall restrict the felling of tress to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the threes shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of tress shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.	The instruction of DFO/GLPT is being strictly followed by Railway. Railway is executing the work as per direction of DFO in the forest land and thus Railway already restricted the felling of tree to minimum number.
15	The completed compliance of the FRA,2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.	The completed compliance of the FRA,2006 have been ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector. The Deputy Commissioner/Goalpara issued the certificate under FRA Act,2006 on 26th July 2021 for the
16		construction of 132 KV Transmission Line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS through Rakhyasini PRF taking corridor area of 16.9306 hectors of forest land.
10	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed n Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbooks of comprehensive guidelines of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017 Fc dated 28.03.2019	All condition as prescribed is being followed and the matter of violation of this condition does not arise.
17	The user Agency 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 said scheme to the State Forest Department.	Railways already deposited amount of Rs. 39,46,464/- (Thirty Nine Lakhs Forty Six Hundred Sixty Four only)) to CAMPA through e-portal by generating e- challan on web portal(https:/parivesh.nic.in) against the DFO/GLPT's Estimated cost of Dwarf Species Plantation against diversion of 18.028 ha. Forest land for construction and Commissioning of 132
18	The Compliance report shall be Uploaded on e portal(https://parivesh.nic.in/)	KV Tr. Line from Agia GSS to GLPT TSS. The Compliance report will be uploaded on e portal(https://parivesh.nic.in/)

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ditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over the forest land er agency by the State Forest Department but compliance in form of undertaking shall ubmitted prior to Stage - II approval:

ARA No.	Description	Compliance
1 -	Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of forest land has unchanged.
2	The compensatory afforestation shall be taker up by the Forest Department over double the degraded forest land of 36.06 ha in two patches i.e. 25.06 ha and 11 ha in compartment No. 1 Guriajhar Block, Goalpara division in Goalpara district of Assam with in 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.	Railways already deposited amount of Rs. 2,29,35,037/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Nine Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Thirty Seven Only) in the month of Nov'2022 to CAMPA through e-portal by generating e- challan on web portal(https:/parivesh.nic.in) against the estimated cost of DFO/GLPT's for Compensatory afforestation over double the degraded forest land of 36.06 ha in two patches i.e. 25.06 ha and 11 ha in compartment No. 1 Guriajhar Block, Goalpara division district- Goalpara, Assam
3	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.	Undertaking already furnished on 01.05.2021.
4	An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions of the approved HEC mitigation and wildlife conservation plan shall be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati	To be complied by DFO(T), Goalpara
5	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;	The Railway shall obtained the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
6	No labour camp shall be established on forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby the forest area.	No labour camp has been established on forest land and no fuels are being used at site for the working staffs
	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.	It is being followed and to be followed strictly.
8	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.	It is being followed and still maintained there is no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area.

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	ne layout of the proposed shall not be conged without the prior approval of the Central Government.	None of layout has been changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
ľ.	The concerned Divisional Forest Officers, Will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.	The concerned Divisional Forest Officers, are monitoring and taking necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
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 Railway will provide bird guard, which will be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits during stringing of transmission line.
12	The User Agency shall comply 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.	It will be followed if any and if applicable to the project.
13	The User Agency shall comply the guidelines for laying transmission through forest area issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012- FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014	Railway strictly followed the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014 for laying transmission through forest area
14	No additional or new path will be constructed in side the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the works	No additional or new path have been constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the works
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 Railway have not used forest land for any other purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
17	As per Ministry's 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 to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife.	Noted
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Undertaking for compliance submission of Inspector General of Forest (C) Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Guwahati's letter No. F.No.3 AS C 093/2022-GHY/2964-2965 dated 01-09-2022

I, on behalf of Construction Organisation, Railway Electrification, N. F. Railway, hereby is submitting the undertaking for compliance of Part B of Inspector General of Forest (C) Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Guwahati's letter No. F.No.3 AS C 093/2022-GHY/2964-2965 dtd 01-09-2022.

1. Legal status of forest land has unchanged.

- Railways already deposited amount of Rs. 2,29,35,037/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Nine Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Thirty Seven Only) in the month of Nov'2022 to CAMPA through e-portal by generating echallan on web portal(https:/parivesh.nic.in) against the estimated cost of DFO/GLPT's for Compensatory afforestation over double the degraded forest land of 36.06 ha in two patches i.e. 25.06 ha and 11 ha in compartment No. 1 Guriajhar Block, Goalpara division district-Goalpara, Assam.
- 3. The Railway has already paid NPV over 18.028 Ha. amounting Rs. 2, 01,35,473/- (Rupee Two Crore One Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Three Only) based on DFO/Goalpara estimate. Railway will pay additional amount of NPV if so determined. Regarding this matter undertaking already furnished on 01.05.2021
- The compliance of an annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions of the approved HEC mitigation and wildlife conservation plan to be complied by DFO(T)/Goalpara.
- 5. The Railway shall obtained the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- 6. No labour camp has been established on forest land and no fuels are being used at site for the working staffs.
- 7. It is being followed and to be followed strictly that 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.
- 8. It is being followed and still maintained that there is no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area.
- 9. None of layout has been changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

- 10. The concerned Forest Officials are monitoring. Still now no any adverse impact held surrounding the forest area during the construction of 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS.
- 11. The Railway will provide bird guard, which will be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits during stringing of transmission line.
- 12. The Railways will comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, It will be followed if any and if applicable to the project.
- 13. Railway strictly followed the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014 for laying transmission through forest area.
- 14. Neither additional or new path have been constructed nor to be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the works.
- 15. It is noted that the period of diversion under this approval shall be coterminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the Railway or the project life, whichever is less.
- 16. The Railway has not used forest land for any other purpose other than that specified in the project proposal i.e. the construction of 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS.
- 17. It is noted & to be followed that As per Ministry's 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.

18. Any other conditions that the Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife to be followed.

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Undertaking for existing speed restriction after electrification of Railway Track.

I, on behalf of Construction Organization, Railway Electrification, N. F. Railway, hereby is submitting the undertaking that the Northern Frontier Railway will continue to follow the existing speed restriction after electrification of Railway Track.

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ELEPHANT CONSERVATION PLAN TO MITIGATE HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT IN GOALPARA DISTRICT



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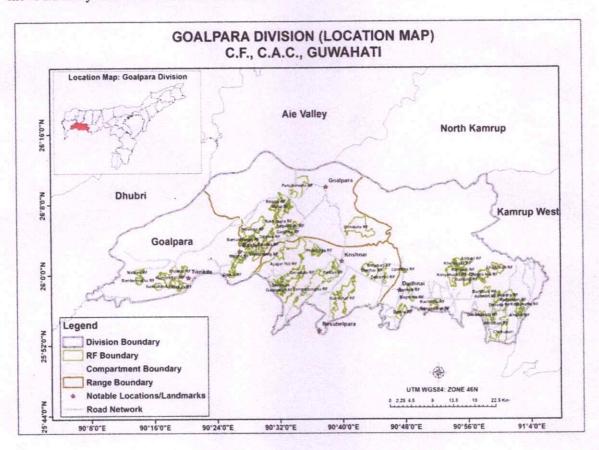
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Part I: Human-Elephant Conflict in Goalpara

1)Introduction about Goalpara District

The Goalpara District is located within the longitude of 89°50'East to 91°10'East and the latitude of 25°20'North to 26°15'North. The Goalpara District of Assam occupies a unique position amidst complex Geological and physiographic make up and stretches from the foothills of Meghalaya in the south to include the flood plains of the Brahmaputra in the North. The topography of the district constitute large old and new alluvium plain ,low range hills, series of wetlands and swamps, broken green landscapes of deciduous forest and green land together with dominating presence of the river Brahmaputra and its tributaries.

Since time immemorial, Goalpara district is a breeding ground for elephant. The unique climatic condition of the district support various species of flora which provide food and shelter to the Elephant. The Elephant is a long ranging animal and the location of the district support elephant to move far away in search of food and water.



Map of Goalpara Forest Division

2) Status of Forest Land:

As per provisional professional survey of Government of Assam (1999 – 2000); the total area of the Goalpara District is 1,82,400 hectares, out of which 36,602 hectares are forests land comprising of 56 Reserved Forests and 47 Proposed Reserved Forests. The size of individual RF and PRF varies from 21 Ha. to 4539 Ha.

As per a study, the degraded forest cover of the district has been recorded about 10480 hectares in 1989, about 4988 hectares in 1993 and 4610 hectares in 2003. However, as per Assam Remote Sensing Centre Report (1993 – 2003) there has been considerable rate of destruction of forest which led to 2.73% of degraded forest in 1993 which increased to 5.27% in 2003 and is expected to rise further 2.54% of total Geographical area within this decade (shown in Table – 1).

Table - 1: Records of Degraded	Forests in	Goalpara District:
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Year	Area in Hectares	% of degraded forest	
1989	10480	5.48	
1993	4988	2.73	
2003	4610	5.2	

3) Status of population:

Population growth rate of the district is found very high. According to the census report the population density is increasing from 149/sq km in 1961 to 451/sq km in 2001(Table – 2). This growth is much higher than the all Assam and national level. Such population growth certainly affects seriously the natural resources and over exploitation of forest for livelihood and habitat.

Year	India	Density (sq km)	Assam	Density (sq km)	Goalpara	Density (sq km)
1961	43,92,34,771	134	1,08,37,329	138	3,21,691	149
1971	54,51,59,652	177	1,46,25,152	186	4,64,185	215
1991	84,63,87,888	257	2,24,14,322	286	6,69,290	310
2001	102,70,15,247	324	2,66,38,407	340	9,73,709	451
2011	1,210,569,573	382	3,11,69,272	397	10,08,959	553

Table -2: Population growth status of Goalpara District, Assam and India.

4) Elephant Movement in the District:

The Forest of Goalpara is a part of large landscape of Assam Meghalaya Forests. Since, elephants are large ranging animal and their food and water requirements are very large that could not be met in one Reserved Forests and Proposed Reserved Forests for a longer time, these elephant not only move from one forest patch to another forest patch of Goalpara but also from forests of Goalpara to Garo hills forests and vice versa. As per the wildlife elephant population census these were 74 Nos. in 2008 & 47 in 2011 census & around 50 Nos. in 2017 census. Therefore, it is extremely important it improve forest habitat as well as to reduce man animal conflict to improve the situation and to safeguard the existing population and habitat especially when the contemporary status of the Elephant is in endangered category.

year	Amount paid for Death of Human (in Lakh)	Amount Paid for Crops and House damaged (in Lakh)
2016	39	
2017	48	
2018	68	
2019	36	277.26
2020	52	
2021	52	
2022	56	
2023	20	
2024 (Till 15 th Jan)		

Table-3: Details of Compensation paid for Human death, Crops and House damaged

5) Human-Elephant Conflict in the District:

Due to massive destruction of forest in the district, habitat of the elephants has been disturbed by anthropogenic interferences which has cost them with food and shelter. The gradual result is that the elephants have to come down the hills to human habitation. They use to come in two seasons - i.e. during (May– June) ripening of paddy. The elephants have an ancient route from foothills of Meghalaya (Bandershi, Barmatia, Moamari) passing through Borjhar and Uportola forest area till Kahibari, Kanyakuchi to Khamar. They use Kanyakuchi jhar (forest) as their halting place and return back through the same route at a ½ km wide corridor. On their return journey they use Borjhar forest as their halting place. Now, the problem is new villages have settled within the forest (Borjhar Garopara: No evidence of its existence till 1981census); may be due to internal migration or population exploitation. Nobody dared to enter into the forest due to its depth and presence of elephants that used to hault there for months in swampy areas. Another problem is that their track has been bifurcated by human activities like passing of NH-37 and N.F railways. Thus, human exploration into forestland made the elephants insecure. It is evident by the death of human and elephant very often in the district.

Table-4: Details of Elephant death in the district in the last three years.

SI No.	Year	No. of Elephant death
1	2021-22	3
2	2022-23	8
3	2023-24	6

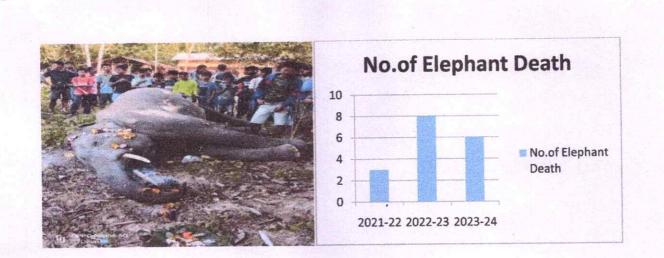
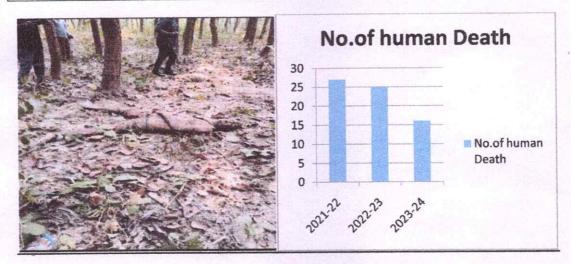


Table-5: Details of Human death in the district in the last three years.

SI No.	Year	No. of Human death
1	2021-22	27
2	2022-23	25
3	2023-24	16



6) Reason for Human-Elephant Conflict in Goalpara:

a)Encroachment in the RF/PRF area:

Encroachment in the district increases with the growing population. People uses notified forest area for habitat and agricultural purpose to meet the demand which leads to increasing human-elephant conflict in the district. The details of encroachment in the District is given in the Table-6.

Table-6: Details	of	Encroachment	area in	the	district
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SI No.	Name of Range	Actual area of RF (Ha)	Encroachment Area of RF (Ha)	Actual area of PRF (Ha)	Encroachment Area of PRF(Ha)
1	Goalpara Sadar Range	5433.65	1221.30	5195.09	1155.50
2	Central Range, Krishnai	9897.45	2307.00	3144.91	1146.00
3	Rangjuli Range, Rangjuli	6889.72	1547.50	1954.75	643.50
4	Lakhipur Range, Lakhipur	3576.85	1063.00	920.73	409
-	Total Area	2832.80	6138.80	11215.48	3354.00

7) The Steps taken by the division to Mitigate HEC in Goalpara:

a) Eviction Drive in the District: The Hon'ble High Court has taken an adverse view with regards to increasing encroachment in forest areas in Goalpara Forest Division in the (Suo Moto) PIL No. 1/2022 of 05/09/2022.

In view of the above direction from the Honourable High Court, Goalpara Forest Division has launched Eviction Drive which are mentioned below in the Table-7.

SI No	Range Name	RF name	Evicted Area (Ha.)
1	Lakhipur Range	Nalbari RF	60
2	Rangjuli Range	Athiabari RF	130
3	Rangjuli Range	Deosila RF	70
4	Goalpara sadar Range	Pancharatna RF	2.30
5	Lakhipur Range	Kumarkhali RF	50

Table-7: Details of eviction Drive in the district

b) Notification of PRF into RF for greater protection of Elephant habitat:

Goalpara Forest Division has issued proclamation notice to change the status of 10 (Ten) PRF to RF to address the issue of encroachment and to conserve Elephant habitat in the district.

 Table-8: Details of PRF issued against proclamation notice

SI No.	Name of Raange	Name of PRF
1	Goalpara Sadar	Degdhowa
2	Rangjuli	Amguri
3	Rangjuli	Kachibari
4	Goalparasadar	Addl. To Matia
5	Rangjuli	Ambuk
6	Lakhipur	Thorko-Nalbari
7	Goalpara Sadar	Khutamari-Kumri
8	Goalpara Sadar	Bagulamari
9	Goalpara Sadar	Rakhyasini
10	Rangjuli	GudraJhar

Following notification of the above PRF into RF the habitat can be further improved making it suitable for the wild elephants. This will further help in mitigating the Human Elephant Conflict in the district.

Part II- Forest Diversion & Wildlife Conservation.:

1)Diversion of Forest Land for Non-Forestry Purpose:

The Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) decides on whether forests can be diverted for projects and the Net Present Value (NPV) to be charged.

Net Present Value (NPV) It is a mandatory one-time payment that a user has to make for diverting forestland for non-forest use, under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. These payments go to the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) and are used for afforestation and reforestation. The CAF is managed by the Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) various plantation proposal have been submitted under CAMPA in locations where account eviction have been taken up. The plantation will greatly improve the habitat of the RF area making it suitable for the Elephant habitat.

It is pertinent to quote the clause No.6 that "The user agency shall deposit 2% of the total project cost for Human Elephant Conflict mitigation and wildlife conservation purposes and the amount shall be deposited into account of CAMPA." in the agreement signed between User Agency and Goalpara forest Division in this regard.

In compliance of the above, the User Agencies are depositing 2% of the project Cost towards mitigation of the Human Elephant Conflict in Goalpara District. The statement showing the funds deposited by the User Agencies towards mitigation of Human Elephant Conflict in Goalapra is given below:

SI No.		Payment Status of Project cost @ 2% for Human-Elephant Conflict. Amount (in Rs)	Remark
1	NHIDCL (NH-17)	2,17,97,759.00	Deposited
2	Railways	20,92,000.00	Deposited
3	Sterlite Power Transmission Ltd.		Yet to be deposited
and the second se	Total Amount	2,38,89,759.00	

Table-9: Details of amount deposited by user agency against Human-Elephant conflict mitigation.

2) Immediate measures to Mitigate HEC in the Goalpara District.

a) Securing vulnerable villages by Solar electric fencing:

Installation of elephant proof mild electric fencing around the human habitations, without blocking the right of way of the wild elephants has given excellent results in villages where such projects have been taken. The fencing will encircle the cluster of human household but will not cover the farm lands. Thus the primary role of such fencing is to safeguard human life without blocking the traditional route of the elephants.

Logistics & Budget required:-

Table-10: Details of fund required for logistics

SI.No	Logistics	Unit Price (in Lakh)	Fund Required (in Lakh)
1	Considering an average 4kms perimeter around a village.	4.00/ Village	40.00

The fencing will cover only the household and the farm fields. 10 Nos of highly vulnerable villages will be considered on priority basis.

b) Upgrading the capacity of Beat office.

For effective Mitigation of Human Elephant Conflict, the Beat offices are very important. The Beat offices are currently in neglected state. Basic infrastructures like toilets, drinking water facility and electricity are not available at the beat level. Without such basic amenities, it is not possible for the staff to give their 100 percent in anti-depredation activities. Therefore it is of immediate requirement to repair/install and construct all basic amenities in all the beats.

Further, the beats can also act as decentralized compensation claim processing centers, they can be linked to the division and range office electronically using internet for effective and speedier claim submissions. The general public who area affected by Elephant can use the beat office facilities to take print outs of the claim forms and the photographs which are required to be submitted along with the claim. In many case the people are not in a position to spend money for taking print out of the Geo tagged photographs. With Beat Offices upgraded, general public can use the beat office facilities. This will not only be a relief to the general public but will also greatly improve the bonding between the villagers and the forest staff.

Table-11: Details of fund required for upgradation of infrastructure of Beat Offices

No. of Beat Office	Fund Required/Beat (in Lakh)	Total Fund Required (in Lakh)
8	8,00,000.00	64,00,000.00

c) Anti Depredation Squads:

Considering the nature of conflict – 4 Anti-Depredation Squads to be placed in each Range. Logistics & Budget required. ADS shall be dedicated steam stationed at each Range for quick movement and action 24*7. ADS shall have a dedicated vehicle and all logistics which are required to address HEC.

SI.No	Logistics Requirement	Unit Price (in Lakh)	Fund Required (in Lakh)
1	2Nos of Bolero (4by4)	12.00	24.00
2	POL (300 Ltr per Range * 4 Range)	@Rs 90 per Litre	10.00
3	LR30 Torches (5Nos)	0.3/unit	1.50
	Total		35.50

Table-12: Details of	f the 1	Logistics& funds	required for ADS
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d) Village Level Squads:

Local Villagers can be organised into Village Level Squad for immediate response in 10 most affected villages. 5Nos youth of each village can be hired on a monthly remuneration basis at 4000/month. Local squads have dual advantage firstly they understand the local terrain and local population and in conflict situation the local understanding of utmost importance and greatly help in controlling the crowd and most of the time this resolve the HEC. Second advantage is that the village squad acts as immediate response team till the arrival of ADS.

SI. No	Activities	Unit Rate	Fund required (in Lakh)
1	Village Level Squad (5 Nos.)	2.4/village	36.00 for 3 Years
2	Halogen Torches (100 Nos.)	0.05/unit	5
3	Solar Street Lights (50 Nos.) (In sensitive areas)	0.15/Unit	7.5
	Total		48.5

Table-13: Details of the Logistics & funds required for Village Level Team

e) Awareness & Outreach:

- Large Scale Awareness & outreach programs at Villages and Schools will be taken up.
- Installation of signages on Dos & Don'ts during HEC.
- Entry Point Activities to the villagers Training and entry point logistics for alternative livelihood. (eg – Beekeeping, Bamboo works).

Table-14: Details of fund required for awareness & outreach

SI. No	Activities	Fund Required (in Lakh)
1	Outreach & Awareness activities	10.00
2	Signages on Dos & Don'ts	10.00
3	Entry Point Activities	10.00
	Total =	30.00

f) Safeguarding Urpad Beel - a Primary habitat of Elephant in Goalpara

Urpad Beel is central to Goalpara when comes to Elephant Conservation. Urpad Beel and Pancharatna RF are traditionally regarded as the breeding grounds for the Wild Elephants. Considering the importance, Urpad Beel is already proposed to be notified as Community Conservation Reserve. Following activities are proposed to safeguard these important elephant habitat:

SL No.	Activities	Fund Required (in Lakh)
1	Preparation of Management Plan	10.00
2	Entry point activities for fringe Villages of Urpad Beel	5.00
3	Entry point activities for fringe Villages of Pancharatna	5.00
	Total	20.00

Table-15: Details of fund required for safeguarding Urpad Beel

3) The Detailed abstract of the Financial Assistance required to Mitigate HEC in Goalpara Forest Division.

SL No.	Activities	Required Fund (in (Lakh)
1	Securing vulnerable village by Solar electric fencing	40
2	Upgrading the capacity of Beat office	64
3	Anti-Depredation Squad	35.5
3	Village Level Squads	48.5
4	Awareness & Outreach	30
6	Safeguarding Urpad Beel - a Primary habitat of Elephant in Goalpara	20
Total		238

Table-16: Details of total fund required for activities

4) Conclusion: The submitted proposal addresses the pressing issue of human-elephant conflict, which has reached critical levels in recent years. The current status of this conflict underscores the urgency for effective mitigation strategies. By utilizing funds deposited by User Agencies under FC Acts, the proposed mechanism offers a promising avenue for funding sustainable solutions. This approach not only acknowledges the responsibility of these agencies in mitigating environmental impacts but also emphasizes collaborative efforts towards coexistence between humans and elephants. With careful implementation and community involvement, this proposal has the potential to significantly reduce conflict incidents, safeguard livelihoods, and preserve biodiversity in affected regions.

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