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Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 16.79 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV S/C Transmission Line on D/C towers from Leimatak to Ningthoukhong in favour of Manipur State Power Company limited.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Govt letter F.No.27/11/2017-For&Env. dated 03.05.2017 and F.No.7/187/2016-Forests/386 dated 02.01.2018 received in this office on 04.06.2018 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Manipur by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 26.06.2018 and its recommendation, I am directed to inform that the Central Government hereby conveys its **"In Principle Approval"** for diversion of 16.79 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV S/C Transmission Line on D/C towers from Leimatak to Ningthoukhong in favour of Manipur State Power Company limited subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over double the degraded forest area of **33.66 ha** in two patch i.e. (i) 11.50 ha in Lanjingmanbi RF, Haotak Block, Compartment No 14, Moirang Range, Bishnupur Forest Division, Manipur and (ii) 22.16 ha in Compartment No 3, Cheaklaphai, Singngat Range, Southern Forest Division in Churachandpur District of Manipur to the Adhoc CAMPA through e-payment and inform this office through the State Forest Department.
- (ii) The State Govt shall charge the Net Present Value of the forest land diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C)

No.202/1995 and as per the guideline issued by this Ministry vide letter No. 503/2001-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.

- (iii) The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization/revision of the same by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (iv) All the above funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc CAMPA Fund (CAF in New SB account No. 520101263743620 of Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003).
- (v) The User Agency shall bear and deposit the amount of the cost of demarcation of the land proposed for diversion directly to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall demarcate the land proposed for diversion on the ground by erecting at least 4' high cement-concrete pillars duly numbered, forward and backward bearing and distance from pillar to pillar written on the pillars and DGPS co-ordinates to be inscribed on the pillars. The competent authority shall verify and issue a certificate to this effect. Photographs showing permanent boundary pillars with GPS co-ordinates to be submitted.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) The certificates for the payment in respect to Sl. No. (v) and (vi) shall be furnished to this office by the user agency.
- (viii) The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line and provide funds for execution of the said scheme by the State Forest Department;
- (ix) The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the project provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required under the said Act.
- (x) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (xi) The felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of State Forest Department Forest.
- (xii) The User Agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land, if necessary.
- (xiii) State Govt shall pass an order for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year. However, one more year may be extended by the permission of Central Govt subject to submission of reasonable progress report from the State Govt as regards to the steps taken to comply with the remaining stipulated conditions mentioned above as per the Ministry letter F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.) dated 28.08.2015.
- (xiv) 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 summarily be revoked considering that the user agency is no longer interested in the project.

- (xv) All other clearance/NOCs under different applicable rules/regulations /local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No.11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.

After receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, final approval will be issued in this regard. Formal transfer of forest land shall not be effected by the State Govt till final approval orders approving the diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

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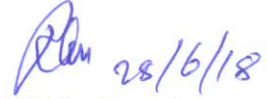


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