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To

The Principal Secretary,
Government of Manipur,
Environment and Forests Department,
Imphal.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 111.05 ha of forest land for construction and stringing of 132 KV transmission line from Kakching to Moreh in Tengenoupal District, Manipur by Manipur State Power Company Ltd.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Govt letter F.No.20/30/2016-For&ENVT dated 09.02.2016 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, I am directed to inform that the Central Government hereby conveys its **"In Principle Approval"** for diversion of 111.05 ha of forest land for construction and stringing of 132 KV transmission line from Kakching to Moreh in Tengenoupal District, Manipur by Manipur State Power Company Ltd. in Manipur subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over an area of 223 ha identified at five different patches of degraded forest land i.e. (i) Gamngai centre, 44ha in Kangbung RF (ii) Timkhonom centre, 43 ha in Tonglang Block (iii) K. Savompa centre, 44 ha in Gamphajol Block (iv) Maribung Centre 43 ha in Charangching Block and (v) 49 ha in Kotal Khunthak under Moreh Range, Larong Block, Compt. No 39 to the Adhoc CAMPAs through 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. 5-3/2001-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. SB01025219 of Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003).
- (v) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) 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.
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) The certificates for the payment in respect to Sl. No. (viii) and (ix) shall be furnished to this office by the user agency.
- (x) The sufficient quantity of firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (xi) Where routing of transmission lines through the forest area cannot be avoided, these should be aligned in such a way that it involves the least amount of tree cutting.
- (xii) As far as possible, the routing alignment through forest area should not have any line deviation.
- (xiii) 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.
- (xiv) The State Govt will furnish a copy of the mitigation measures, recommendation and conditions prescribed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden as submitted to the NBWL in respect of the area passing through

the Wildlife Sanctuary as reflected in the minutes of the 39th meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL held on 23.08.2016.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature of R.L. Sanga in blue ink, with the date 30/9/16 written next to it.

(R.L.Sanga)
Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to:

1.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Forest & Environment Deptt., Govt of Manipur, Sanjenthong, Imphal.

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