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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 104.77 ha of forest land in DAMPA Tiger Reserve (Buffer Zone) for construction of 132 KV S/C (on D/C Tower) West Phaileng to Marpara Transmission Line under NERSIP Scheme Mizoram.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Mizoram No.G.20015/3/2019-FST dated 19th June, 2020 and No. For.50/2016/580 dated 08.12.2020 on the above subject seeking prior approval for the Central Government under Section 2 of the FCA, 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 "In Principle Approval/Stage- I" clearance of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 104.77 ha of forest land in DAMPA Tiger Reserve (Buffer Zone) for construction of 132 KV S/C (on D/C Tower) West Phaileng to Marpara Transmission Line under NERSIP Scheme, Mizoram 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. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.
3. 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 letters 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.
4. The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on Survey of India toposheet of 1: 50000 scale;

5. 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 scheme may include appropriate for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
6. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA account only through *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
7. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
8. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the District Collector;
9. 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;
10. 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.
11. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
12. State Govt to submit the current detail status of Bairabi and West Phalieng transmission line to Integrated Regional Office, Shillong within a month time.
13. The following recommendation of 58nd Meeting of Standing committee of National Board for Wildlife shall be complied with:-

A. Conditions imposed by the NTCA

- (1) Since Dampa is an elephant landscape, height above the ground at the lowest point of the lowest conductor or grounding wire (i.e. at maximum sag point) of power lines (for avoiding reach of elephants even with raised trunk) should be:
 - (a) A minimum of 10 m above on level terrain (slope < 20 degrees)
 - (b) A minimum of 15 m above ground on steeper terrain (slope >20 degrees)
- (2) All power lines within 3 KM of forest and important wildlife areas across its entire length in between West Phaileng and Marpaara should be marked with appropriate bird diverters spaced at 10 m intervals. The bird diverters should shall be regularly checked and maintained by power company.
- (3) No construction / maintenance work shall be permitted within forest and wild life areas in between 6.0 PM to 7.00 AM. Labour camps should be at least 1.0 KM away from the boundaries of Dampa Tiger reserve. No construction materials (including soil stones, etc.,) should be collected from the forest.
- (4) The user agency shall deposit a portion of the total cost to Mizoram Forest Department which shall be decided by the Department. The Forest Department should utilize this money for eco-restoration, prey augmentation, reducing public dependence on forest and promoting traditional local livelihoods in Dampa Tiger Reserve.
- (5) The Chief Wildlife Warden, Mizoram State should constitute a monitoring committee comprising of members from local forest officials, NTCA regional office and user

