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सचिव/Secretary,
त्रिपुरा सरकार/ Government of Tripura
पर्यावरण और वन विभाग /Department of Environment & Forests,
कुंजावन, अगरतला/ Kunjaban, Agartala.

Sub : Diversion of 64.0179 hectare of forest land for construction of underground Gas Pipeline from Panisagar-Agartala under Divisional Forest Officer, North/Unakoti/Dhalai/Khowai/West by Indradhanush Gas Grid Ltd., Assam.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government of Tripura letter No. F.6-1192/FC/For-2019/962-67 dated 12th, November, 2021 and No. F.6-1292/FC/For-2021/Pt-I/1466-469 dated 14.03.2022 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 by the Regional Empowered Committee held on 29.04.2022, the 'In-principle' approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 11.05.2022 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter F.6-1293/FC/For-2021/Pt-I/626-33 dated 18.08.2022 with additional information submitted by State Govt vide letter dated 07.12.2022 and NEFT / RTGS Challan dated 27.05.2022, the '**Final approval**' of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 64.0179 hectare of forest land for construction of underground Gas Pipeline from Panisagar-Agartala under Divisional Forest Officer, North/Unakoti/Dhalai/Khowai/West by Indradhanush Gas Grid Ltd., Assam., subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over double degraded forest land i.e. **128.035 ha** in 4 (four) District i.e. (i) **51.1534 ha** in six patches comprising 12.55 ha, 6.16 ha, 15.25 ha, 12.55 ha, 2.42 ha & 2.42 ha in C.S. Plot No. 5, Khatian No. 26, Mouja-J.B Para in Dhalai District; (ii) **13.6236 ha** comprising 2 (two) Plots (3.92 ha & 9.70 ha) in C.S. Plot No. 84, Khatian No. 400 and C.S. Plot No. 4/19, Khatian No. 4/47, Mouja Champabari in West District; (iii) **39 ha** in C.S. Plot No. 22, Khatian No. 3/39 and C.S. Plot No. 412, Khatian No. 2/3 of Mouja Atharamura RF and Sriramkhar in Khowai District and (iv) **22.32 ha** in 2 (two) plots 11.0148 ha & 11.547 ha in C.S. Plot No. 37 & 40, Khatian No. 2/3 of Mouja Dakhin Unakuti in Unakoti District. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
3. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

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4. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled.
5. The State Government shall utilize the vehicles provided through this project for patrolling purposes as decided by REC.
6. The protection and conservation for Holck Gibbon and Asiatic Elephant in Tripura shall be carried out by the State Forest Department as per the Revised Mitigation Plan prepared and approved at the cost of Rs. 5.0 cr for 10(ten) years.
7. Permanent demarcation of forest land for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
8. The user agency shall obtain the mandatory Environment Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required.
9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
10. 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 forest areas.
11. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
12. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
13. The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
14. Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of state Forest Deptt).
15. The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.
16. Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
17. The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.
24. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, IRO, Shillong may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

This is issued with approval of Deputy Director General of Forests (C).

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(W. I. Yatbon)

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C)

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