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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 110.817 ha of forest land for construction for laying of 132 KV transmission line from Namsai to Miao under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of T & D system in Changlang and Namsai District of Arunachal Pradesh by Power Department Govt of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No.FOR.831/ CONS/ 2018/ 2516-21 dated 05.11.2019 and No.FOR.831/CONS/2018/557-60 dated 13.02.2023 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by the Central Govt, under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal and the recommendation of REC in the meeting held on 19.02.2021, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 25.02.2022 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

2. In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No.FOR.831/CONS/2018/557-60 dated 13.02.2023 and its uploading on Ministry's portal on 13.02.2023 and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan and online payment by user agency under CAMPA, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 110.817 ha of forest land for construction for laying of 132 KV transmission line from Namsai to Miao under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of T & D system in Changlang and Namsai District of Arunachal Pradesh by Power Department Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Legal status of the diverted 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 compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over double the degraded forest land of 221.90 ha identified at 2 locations i.e 117.00 ha at Miao RF & Diyun ARF in Namphai Range under Nampong Forest Division in Changlang District and 104.90 ha at Longliang Village Forest Reserve under Khonsa Forest Division in Tirap District of Arunachal Pradesh as per the funds deposited by the User Agency. As far as

possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

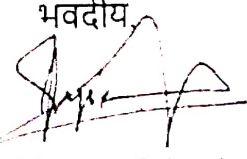
- (4) State Govt has promulgated Notification dated 30.07.2018 under Section 3A of the Arunachal Pradesh Village Forest Reserve (Constitution and Maintenance) Act, 1975 (Act No.1 of 1976), as amended in 1984 read with Section 4 & 5 of the Assam of the Assam Forest Regulation, 1891 (7 of 1891) for declaring CA area in Longliang Village Forest Reserve, respectively. The onus of the final declaration as VFR shall lie with the State Govt.
- (5) The proposed OB labour Sheds & MB type quarter in the Compensatory afforestation scheme should be of temporary structure and to be dismantled within 10 years from the 1st year of plantation. State Govt shall adhere to Section 5(4)(e) of CAF rules and other relevant Rules as applicable while implementing the Compensatory afforestation scheme; and accordingly, technically approved and duly signed revised CA estimate scheme is to be submitted.
- (6) The State Govt shall ensure that the revised rates of Net Present Value amount of the forest land being diverted under this proposal is transferred through online portal by the user agency into CAMPA account of the State concerned as per the Ministry letter File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 21.03.2022 before issuing of the Final Approval.
- (7) Permanent demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
- (8) All other clearance/NOCs under different rules/ regulations/local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/98-FC(Pt) dated 05.02.2013 shall be complied with.
- (9) The State Forest Department shall carry out creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line from the amount which is already realized from the user agency;
- (10) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (11) The recommendation of 66th meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife dated 31.12.2021 as mentioned under shall be strictly implemented by the State Govt:-
 - (i) Implementation of the Wildlife Mitigation Plan prepared in respect of the proposed project.
 - (ii) Insulated cables, if feasible, may be used along the entire stretch of the proposed transmission line so as to avoid electrocution to avifauna and other arboreal species.
 - (iii) Height above the ground at the lowest point of the lowest conductor or grounding wires (i.e., at maximum sag point) of power lines should be:
 - (a) A minimum of 10m above ground on level terrain (slope <20 degrees) so that no elephant can reach it even with raised trunk.
 - (b) A minimum of 15m above ground on steeper terrain (slope > 20 degrees)
 - (iv) The entire length of the proposed power line between Miao and Namsai should be marked with appropriate bird diverters spaced at 10m intervals. The bird diverters shall be regularly checked and maintained by the power company.
 - (v) Width of the right of way for the 132 KV DC transmission line on forest land should not be over 27 m (vide MoEFCC Guideline F.No 7-25/2012-Fc dated 5th May ,

2014). The alignment of the powerline should be made such that minimum numbers of trees are felled. Any felling/pollarding/pruning of trees for allowing electrical clearance/maintenance will be done with the permission of the local DFO, Namdapha Tiger Reserve. Only those trees that are of sufficient height to compromise the requirements of minimal vertical and horizontal clearance from the conductor wires at maximum sag point should be lopped.

- (vi) Periodic clearing of vegetation along the power-line may bring up invasive species. The plantation of native, palatable species should be actively promoted by the user agency in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh Forest Department below the power line. This will not only provide fodder for wild ungulates in form of its leaves and fruits.
 - (vii) No construction/maintenance work shall be permitted within forest and wildlife areas in between 6 PM to 7 AM. Labour camps should be at least 1 km away from the boundaries of the Tiger Reserve.
 - (viii) No construction material (including soil, stones etc.) should be collected from the forest. Top soil to a depth of 30 cm should be first gathered, piled aside and covered with a tarpaulin or suitable other material. The top soil should be re-spread as early as possible over the disturbed or excavated area after completion of work to a depth of 30cm. Construction debris should not be dumped inside the forest areas and they should be transported by the user agency to suitable dumping sites outside the forest.
 - (ix) In compliance with MoEF&CC's guidelines, construction of new approach/access routes in forest lands would require prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
 - (x) The Chief Wildlife Warden, Arunachal Pradesh State should constitute a monitoring committee comprising members from local forest officials, NTCA regional Office and the user agency to oversee the implementation of the project in compliance to the mitigation measures suggested herein.
 - (xi) The area below the transmission line shall be managed in accordance with the management plan approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
 - (xii) An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions 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 Government of India.
- (12) In case the portion of transmission line to be constructed is located in hilly area, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut;
- (13) The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission line through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
- (14) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (15) The lay out of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
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- (18) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternative fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternative fuel.
- (19) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (20) 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.
- (21) The user agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.
- (22) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (23) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (24) 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.
- (25) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- (26) 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.
- (27) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC Guidelines F No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.
- (28) Any other conditions that the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

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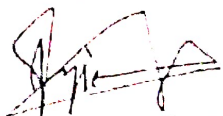
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