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सेवा में,

अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary,
असम सरकार/Govt of Assam,
पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Environment and Forests Department,
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Sub:- Diversion of 19.976 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV D/C transmission line (Twin) New Mariani to New Kohima Transmission Line by Kohima Mariani Transmission Limited.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Govt Assam letter No. FRS 224/2018/122 dated 24.12.2018 and No. FRS 224/2018/149 dated 12.02.2020 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, In-Principle Approval was granted by Regional Office, Shillong vide letter F.No.3 AS C 010/2019-SHI/3459-60 dated 24.01.2019 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the In-Principle Approval and has requested the Central Government to grant Final Approval.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FRS 224/2018/149 dated 12.02.2020 and confirmation of transaction date i.e. 14.02.2019 of compensatory levies amount from the e-portal, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 19.976 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV D/C transmission line (Twin) New Mariani to New Kohima Transmission Line by Kohima Mariani Transmission Limited subject to the following conditions:

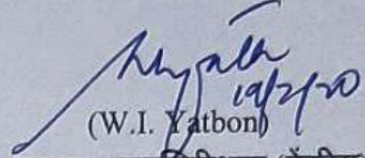
- 1) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.

- 3) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over double the degraded forest area of 39.952 ha identified in Doyang RF Block, Golaghat Division in Golaghat District at the cost of 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) The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
- 5) Plantation of dwarf species in right of way under the transmission lines wherever feasible shall be carried out under project cost in consultation with State Forest Department. The plantation should consist of atleast 50% indigenous medicinal plants/herbs species of the total seedlings.
- 6) The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
- 7) User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 8) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 9) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 10) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate 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 alternate fuel.
- 11) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 12) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 13) 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.
- 14) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 15) 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.
- 16) 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.
- 17) Regular patrolling of the transmission lines shall be carried out by the user agency to check sag and swing, and contact of the live wire with the trees.
- 18) 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.
- 19) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 20) 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 Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.

- 21) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

This has the approval of Deputy Director General of Forests (Central).

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(W.I. Yabon)

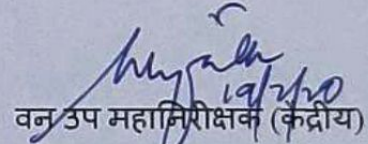
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