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

Sub : Diversion of 3.66396 ha of forest land in connection with diversion and reconstruction of 132 Single Circuit Agartala Grid to Dhalabil transmission line due to widening of NH 108 under DFO, West Tripura in favour of Tripura State Energy Corporation Limited (TSECL).

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government of Tripura letter No.F.6-1351/FC/For-2022/1277-82 dated 19.01.2023 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined and the In-principle approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter dated 28.03.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Govt has furnished compliance report in respect to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the compliance report furnished by the Government of Tripura vide letter No.F.6-1351/FC/For-2022/1402-404 dated 18.03.2024 and payment of compensatory levies under CAMPA by user agency, **Final approval (Stage-II)** of the Central Government hereby granted under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of **3.66396 ha** of forest land in connection with diversion and reconstruction of 132 Single Circuit Agartala Grid to Dhalabil transmission line due to widening of NH 108 under DFO, West Tripura in favour of Tripura State Energy Corporation Limited (TSECL), 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 the area diverted in degraded forest land identified over **7.3279 ha** identified at 3 locations i.e. 3.1193 ha in RS Plot No. 30, 2.3126 ha in RS Plot No. 30 and 1.8959 ha in RS Plot No. 70, 73, all in Khatian No. 1, Mouja Kambukcherra, Subalsing Range, Sadar Civil Sub-Division within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final approval'; 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.
- 3) The Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 27 mtr.
- 4) The User Agency shall install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals.
- 5) No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other materials required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path.

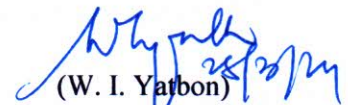
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- 6) To minimize the felling for construction of transmission line. User agency shall comply with the following guidelines:
 - (a) Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 mtr. is permitted for carrying the tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips may be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.
 - (b) One outer strip may be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line;
 - (c) In the remaining width the right of way felling/pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance, trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazard by maintaining the minimum 4.0 meter clearance between conductors and trees. The sag and swig of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance mentioned as above;
 - (d) The dwarf plantation (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department, as per scheme prepared and fund deposited by the user agency for execution of the said scheme; and
 - (e) In case a portion of the transmission lines to be constructed is located in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut.
- (7) The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.
- (8) 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.
- (9) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fire firewood, 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.
- (10) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
- (11) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (12) The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area.
- (13) The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- (14) The layout of the plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (15) 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.
- (16) The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.

- (17) The User Agency, if required, shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 issued under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.
- (18) Any other conditions that the Regional Office, Shillong may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests & Wildlife.
- (19) The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (20) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

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

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C)

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