

**F.No.3-ANB/161/2023/GHY**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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**Dated:27-03-2026**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Government of Arunachal Pradesh.  
Itanagar.

**Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Project Manager, Halaipani Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd., for non-forestry use of 4.75 ha. of forest land for construction of Halaipani HEP (16 MW) by Halaipani Hydro Project Ltd. in Anjaw District of Arunachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/AR/HYD/156579/2022)- regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh's letter No.FOR.116/CONS/2002/Pt-I/338-40 dated 20.01.2023 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Advisory Committee (AC) constituted by the Central Government under Section- 3 of the said Act, '**in-principle**' approval to the proposal under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 14.01.2025 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. 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.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh vide their letter No. FOR.116/Cons/2002/Pt-I/60-65 dated 15.01.2026 which was received in the Ministry on 13.02.2026, '**final / Stage- II approval**' of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Project Manager, Halaipani Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd. for non-forestry use of 4.75 ha. of forest land (Pailo Village Reserve Forest = 0.88 ha & Unclassed State Forest = 3.87 ha) for construction of Halaipani HEP (16 MW) by Halaipani Hydro Project Ltd. in Anjaw District of Arunachal Pradesh, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The State Government shall ensure that Compensatory afforestation over Degraded forest land identified in two plots, Plots-I (8.407 ha) and Plots-II

- (1.093 ha) in Pailo VFR under Nampong Forest Division in Anjaw District is initiated within two years from the date of issue of Stage– II approval and maintained thereafter as per approved plan by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency. Further, as far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- iii. The State Government shall ensure that additional number of seedlings of indigenous species is planted in Plots- I (8.407 ha) and Plots-II (1.093 ha) proposed for CA;
  - iv. The State Government has realized the NPV of the forest area diverted under this proposal from the User Agency, as per the orders dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines given under para 3 of the Chapter- 3 of the Consolidate Guidelines and Clarifications issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 published by the Ministry on 29.12.2023, the user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
  - v. The Compensatory levies to be realized from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-challan, in to the account of National Authority, CAMPA pertaining to the State concerned through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
  - vi. *The State Government shall ensure that user agency follows recommendations of CIA/CCS studies (Impact Assessment) of River Lohit along with any other environment related compliance/clearance;*
  - vii. *The State Government shall ensure that the proposed 16 MW HEP unit is within the stipulated carrying capacity recommended in the CIA/CCS study;*
  - viii. The Regional Office shall pursue the proceedings under Section 3A/3B of the Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 against officials responsible for the violation of the Stage- I approval issued for Halaipani Dam in 2005, as applicable.
  - ix. The State Government shall ensure that 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;
  - x. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
  - xi. The State Government shall ensure that user agency shall provide free water for forestry related activities/ projects;
  - xii. The State Government shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and 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;

- xiii. The State Government shall ensure that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xiv. The State Government shall ensure that 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, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates;
- xv. 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;
- xvi. The State Government shall ensure that layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xvii. The State Government shall ensure that forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xviii. The State Government shall ensure that forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xix. The State Government shall ensure that no damage to the flora, fauna or the environment of the adjoining area shall be caused; Adequate measures to ensure no damage to the adjoining areas should be taken by the User Agency at the project cost;
- xx. The State Government shall ensure that 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;
- xxi. The State Government shall ensure that 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;
- xxii. 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 shall be carried out by the State Government and User Agency;
- xxiii. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval letter dated 14.01.2025 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, or the time being in force, including compliance of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006, before handing over the forest land to the user agency; and
- xxiv. 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 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)

Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023.

Yours faithfully,

*Sd/-*  
**(Chara Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'E'

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests (HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong of MoEF&CC.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.