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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 37.8273 hectare of forest land for laying of Pipeline from Panisagar-Aizawl and Agartala-Tulamura Natural Gas Pipeline Project under North Tripura, Sepahijala and Gomati District by Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited, Kamrup.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government of Tripura letter No.F.6-1353/FC/For-2022/1342-55 dated 07.02.2023 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 recommended by the Regional Empowerd Committee (REC) meeting held on 28.03.2023 and the In-principle approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter dated 14.06.2023 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 basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Tripura vide letter No.F.6-1352/FC/For-2022/1420-24 dated 27.03.2024 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 **37.8273 hectare** of forest land for laying of Pipeline from Panisagar-Aizawl and Agartala-Tulamura Natural Gas Pipeline Project under North Tripura, Sepahijala and Gomati District by Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited, Kamrup, 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 **75.9355 ha** at 4 locations i.e. **2.3422 ha** in C.S. Plot No. 3/33, Khatian No. 309, Laxmipur Range, Kanchanpur Block, North District, **6.45 ha** in C.S. Plot No. 929, 668, 1119, 916 & 1059, Khatian No. 2-2, 2-35, 2-6, 2 and 2-28 of Mouja-Ghilatali, Kalamchoura Beat, Boxanagar Range, Sonamura Sub-Division, **30.84 ha** in C.S. Plot No. 1, Khatian No. 3/1 of Mouja Ailmara and **36.303315 ha** in C.S. Plot No. 163, 118, Khatian No. 3/14, 3/12 of Mouja Ghorakappa, Karbook Sub-Division, Gomati District. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- 3) The amount deposited by the User Agency for Wildlife Management Plan at Rs. 80.00 lakhs shall be used for as per the plan prepared and approved by the State Forest Department.
- 4) The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled.

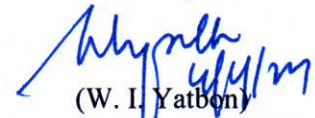
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- 5) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fire firewood, preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
- 6) 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.
- 7) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 8) The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area.
- 9) 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.
- 10) The layout of the plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 11) 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.
- 12) The user agency shall obtain the mandatory Environment Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required.
- 13) The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
- 14) 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.
- 15) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
- 16) 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.
- 17) 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.
- 18) 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.
- 19) 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.

- 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) This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.
- 22) 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.
- 23) 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.

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

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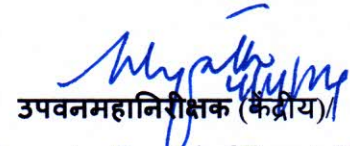
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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C)

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