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असम सरकार/Govt of Assam,

पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Environment and Forests Department,

दिसपुर/Dispur, गुवाहाटी/Guwahati-781006.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 5.77 ha in Teteliaguri Reserve Forest under Kamrup East Division for construction of 132 KV D/C Sonapur-Baghjap Transmission Line by Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited(AEGCL).

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No.FRS.144/2019/136 dated 05.06.2020, eCF No. 129900/422 dated 26.04.2024, eCF No. 129900/441 dated 10.06.2024 and No. FG 27/Nodal/Proposal/Trans Line/Sonapur-Baghjap dated 29.06.2024 on the subject seeking prior approval for the Central Government under Section 2 of the FCA, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by Central Government under Section 3 of aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal and the recommendation of REC in the meeting held on 15.09.2021, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 24.09.2021 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 eCF No. 129900/422 dated 26.04.2024, eCF No. 129900/441 dated 10.06.2024 and No. FG 27/Nodal/Proposal/Trans Line/Sonapur-Baghjap dated 29.06.2024 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 5.77 ha in Teteliaguri Reserve Forest under Kamrup East Division for construction of 132 KV D/C Sonapur-Baghjap Transmission Line by Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited(AEGCL), 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 area i.e. 12 ha identified in Compartment No.3 in West Aprikola Reserve Forest, Sonapur Range, Kamrup Forest Division in Kamrup district of Assam 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) The action taken against the erring officials of the State Forest Department and user agency must be brought to the logical end.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) The State Forest Department shall carryout 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;
- (9) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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;
- (12) 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.
- (13) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (14) The lay out of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (15) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- (16) 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.
- (17) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

- (18) 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.
- (19) 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.
- (20) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (21) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (22) 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.
- (23) 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.
- (24) 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.
- (25) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, guideline & clarification, 2023.
- (26) Any other conditions that the 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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