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File No. 3 AS C 093/2022-GHY

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अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary,
 पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/ Environment & Forest Department,
 असम सरकार/ Government of Assam,
 दिसपुर, गुवाहाटी-781006. / Dispur, Guwahati-781006.

Sub: Proposal is for diversion of 18.028 ha of forest land for construction and commissioning of 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS under Rakhayashini PRF of Sardar Range of Goalpara Division in favour of Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Guwahati.

Sir,

This has got reference to the online proposal FP/AS/TRANS/142618/2021 and State Government letter F.No. 197315/I/1170628/2025 dated 21.07.2025 on the subject seeking prior approval for the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal and recommendation of Regional Empowered Committee on 25.08.2022, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 01.09.2022 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 F.No. 197315/I/1170628/2025 dated 21.07.2025, F.No. F.No. 197315/I/1207222/2025 dated 14.08.2025 and its uploading on Ministry's portal and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan and online payment by user agency under CAMPA and confirmation of fund for wildlife conservation and mitigation plan by NCAMPA vide its letter F.No. 1-04/2014-CAMPA-Part(1)(Computer no. 278334) dated 18.09.2025, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 18.028 ha of forest land for construction and commissioning of 132 KV Transmission line from Agia GSS to Goalpara TSS under Rakhayashini PRF of Sardar Range of Goalpara Division in favour of Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Guwahati, 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 taken up by the Forest Department over double the degraded forest land of 36.06 ha in two patches i.e. 25.06 ha and 11 ha in compartment No 1, Guriajhar Block, Goalpara division in Goalpara district of Assam within three years from the date of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department 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. The CA will be maintained for 10 years.
- 4) 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.
- 5) The State Govt shall ensure that under no circumstances, implementation of mitigating measures envisaged in Human Elephant conflict mitigation and Wildlife Conservation purposes should be delayed beyond a period of 2 years to ensure commencement of rejuvenation of ecosystem services lost from the forest area allowed for non-forestry use of forest land at the earliest possible time.
- 6) An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions of the submitted Human Elephant conflict mitigation and Wildlife Conservation purposes shall be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife warden to the concerned Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- 7) 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.
- 8) The user agency i.e. Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Guwahati, shall also follow all the guidelines issued by Wildlife Institute of India/MoEF & CC for maintaining the required height and protection to movement of birds/wildlife.
- 9) Since 2 Nos transmission line (a) 132 KV Agia to Matia and (b) 400 KV Salekathi to Mirza already running through the Rakhyasini PRF. This 132 KV transmission line also run parallel to above transmission line, the user agency shall maintain keeping basis height of each tower a minimum of 27 mts. and the span of the conductor ground clearance of minimum 20 mts to 23 mts.
- 10) The Northern Frontier Railways will continue to follow the existing speed restriction after electrification of Railway Track.
- 11) 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.
- 12) 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;
 - 13) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
 - 14) 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.
 - 15) 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;
 - 16) 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.
 - 17) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 - 18) The lay out of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 - 19) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
 - 20) 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.
 - 21) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 - 22) 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.
 - 23) 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.
 - 24) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 - 25) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
 - 26) 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.
 - 27) 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.

- 28) 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.
- 29) 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.
- 30) 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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