

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 12th March, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment & Forests,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

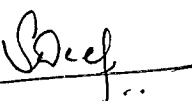
Sub: Diversion of 4577.84 ha (originally proposed 5056.5 ha) of forest land in favour of M/s NHPC Limited for construction of Dibang Multipurpose Project (2880 MW originally proposed 3000 MW) on Dibang River in Lower Dibang valley District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh's letter No. FOR.10-44/Cons./2003/Vol.V/4030/36 dated 05.08.2014 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), *In-principle/Stage-I* approval was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 15.04.2015 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

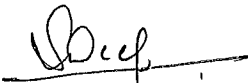
2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the PCCF & Nodal Officer(FCA), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh's letters No. FOR.10-44/Cons./2003/Vol-IV/2027-29 dated 20.09.2019 and No. FOR.10-44/Cons./2003/Vol-IV/06-08 dated 06.01.2020 and the reports of Regional Office, Shillong as received vide their letters No. 8-85/2011-FC/430 dated 13.04.2018 and No. 8-85/2011-FC/3816 dated 13.02.2020, *Stage-II/Final approval* of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4577.84 ha (originally proposed 5056.5 ha) of forest land in favour of M/s NHPC Ltd for construction of Dibang Multipurpose Project (2880 MW originally proposed 3000 MW) on Dibang River in Lower Dibang valley District of Arunachal Pradesh. subject to following conditions:

- i Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii Compensatory afforestation(CA) over identified degraded forest land, twice in extent to the forest land shall be taken up as per approved plan/scheme by the Forest Department from the funds received from the user agency within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of approval, and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan.The CA land shall be mutated and notified as as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act 1927, with in six months of Stage II approval.
- iii The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the


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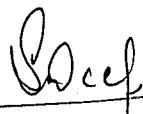
final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

- iv The State Govt. ensure that the User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- v The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
- vi The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the mining lease and safety zone 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, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
- vii The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the layout plan of the mining plan/proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- viii The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- ix The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the 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;
- x The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- xi The State Govt. and the user agency 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;
- xii The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will implement the approved plan/scheme to create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, from the funds deposited by the user agency in CAMPA account;
- xiii The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure to constitute Ecological Monitoring Unit to monitor the impact of the project on flora and fauna of the area and furnish a copy of constitution order to this Ministry for record.
- xiv The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure to implement the approved plan/scheme for afforestation along the periphery of the reservoir and canals (as applicable).
- xv The State Govt. shall ensure that the State Forest Department will implement the approved CAT plan, Wild Life Management Plan of Mahao Wildlife Sanctuary and Zonal Wildlife Conservation Plan from the funds deposited by the user agency in CAMPA account.
- xvi The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.


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- xvii The State Govt. ensure that the State Forest Department shall implement approved plan for muck disposal and dumping area for muck disposal. In addition, the State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure to stabilize and reclaim by planting suitable species at the project cost under the supervision of State Forest Department. Stabilization and reclamation of such dumping sites shall be completed before handing over the same to the State Forest Department in a time bound manner as per Plan;
- xviii The State Govt. shall ensure that the User agency shall construct road/path, if any, in consultation with organization(s) having experience in construction of roads in hilly areas to avoid frequent road blockade due to landslides etc. and shall provide breast walls and retaining walls wherever necessary;
- xix The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that the trees available between full reservoir level (FRL) and FRL—4 meters are not felled;
- xx The user agency shall provide free water for the forestry related projects;
- xxi The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the annual self - compliance report in respect of the above conditions shall be submitted to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year;
- xxii The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
- xxiii The State Govt. and the user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,


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(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF(HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Nodal Officer(FCA), O/o the PCCF(HoFF), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Shillong.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard file.

