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08th November, 2021

सेवामे,

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

- Sub: (i) Proposal for diversion of 32.78 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV D/C HVAC transmission line (Line-I) from NHPC's 2000 MW Lower Subansiri Hydro Electric project at Gerukamukh to Biswanath Chariali in Subansiri reserved Forest under Dhemaji Division by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
- (ii) Proposal for diversion of 34.32 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV D/C HVAC transmission line (Line-II) from NHPC's 2000 MW Lower Subansiri Hydro Electric project at Gerukamukh to Biswanath Chariali in Subansiri reserved Forest under Dhemaji Division by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
- (iii) Proposal for diversion of 88.77 ha of Reserved Forest land for construction of 2 (Two) Nos 400 KV Double Circuit Lower Subansiri- Biswanath-Chariali Transmission line I & II of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.

- Ref:- (i) Letter No. File No. 11-595/2014-FC dated 08.10.2021 of GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
- (ii) Letter dated 2nd November, 2021 of Tularam Gogoi, Dhemaji, Assam.

Sir

With reference to the subject and letter cited above, I am directed to inform that a grievance letter mentioned under reference (ii) above from Shri Tularam Gogoi in respect of above mentioned proposals has been received in IRO, Guwahati requesting to carefully study the impact on forest and wildlife in the Subansiri RF, Subansiri Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) and Dulung Subansiri elephant corridor by the proposed alignments of the proposals mentioned under subject above along with suggestion for the proper consent of local communities of the proposed areas under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006, especially considering increasing human-elephant conflict in the larger landscape due to destruction of elephant habitat and corridors due to infrastructure projects such as the Subansiri Lower Project. The REC discussed on the proposals mentioned under subject (i) & (ii) above, in its meeting held on 02.11.2021 including the presence of important birds, elephant corridor, etc. However, the Nodal Officer

(FCA), Govt of Assam suggested for referring to Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt of Assam for the site inspection of these proposed area.

In the meantime the original proposal mentioned under subject (iii) above has been received in this office from Ministry vide its letter mentioned under reference (i) above.

In view of the above, State Govt is requested to kindly furnish the following information/clarifications to this office at the earliest for further processing of these proposals:-

1. The site inspection report from CWLW, State Govt of Assam in respect of presence of elephant corridor in the proposed alignment of the proposal mentioned under subject (i) & (ii) above including the names of scheduled species, birds, wildlife etc., if any, along with appropriate necessary conservative measures, and wild life mitigation plan.
2. To comment on the grievance letter dated 2.11.2021 (copy enclosed) received from Sri Tularam Gogoi.
3. To provide the current status of the proposal under subject (iii) above and to clarify whether this proposal is linked to the proposals mentioned under subject (i) & (ii) above or not.

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(Hemen Hazarika)

Encl: As mentioned above.

Scientist D & Head of Office

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Govt of Assam, Environment and Forest Department, Aranya Bhawan, Rop Konwar Jyoti Prasad, Agarwal Path, Near Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037

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