

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE  
ITANAGAR

Dated, Itanagar 18<sup>th</sup> Feb'2022

No. FOR.30/Cons/2019/ 414-17

To

Shri W.Longvah, IFS  
Regional Officer,  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,  
Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Housefed Building, G.S Road, Rukminigaon,  
Guwahati-781022.

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 130.062 ha forest land for construction of 132 KV transmission line from Khupi to Seppa under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of transmission and distribution system in East & West Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh – reg.

Ref: Your letter F.No.3-ANA 011/2021-GHY/1715-1716 dated 24.12.2021.

Sir,

With reference to above letter on the subject, this is to enclose herewith clarification submitted by the user agency in regard to 'INVIOLATE' due to the presence of 'Pakke Tiger Reserve'.

It is therefore, requested to issue formal approval for diversion of 130.062 ha. forest land for above transmission line under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act' 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

(R.K.Singh)  
PCCF (A&V) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to

1. The CCF, WAC, Banderdewa for information.
2. The Executive Director, Power Grid, Itanagar for information and necessary action.
3. The Chief Engineer, Transmission, Planing & Monitoring Zone DoP, Vidyut Bhawan, Itanagar for information and necessary action.

(R.K.Singh)  
PCCF (A&V) & Nodal Officer (FCA)



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**POWERGRID**

**पावर ग्रिड कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड**  
(भारत सरकार का उद्यम)  
**POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED**  
(A Government of India Enterprise)  
Dated: 24.01.2022

Ref. No: NENRJ/Comp.Scheme/AP/Itanagar/2021-22/

To,

The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA)  
Government of Arunachal Pradesh  
Department of Environment & Forests, Itanagar.

**Sub: Submission of compliance report for diversion of 130.062 ha of forest land for laying of 132 kV Khupi- Seppa TL under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of T&D in AP.**

**Ref:** Your Letter No. FOR.30/Cons/2019/111-14 dtd.11<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter on cited above, the compliance of observations made by IRO, Guwahati (Letter Ref No:3 AN A 011/2021-GHY/1715-1716 dtd.24<sup>th</sup> Dec,2021) is furnished as below.

Sl.No.	Query	Compliance
1	The Shape file of the Proposed area is found to be Inviolatue due to presence of Pakke Tiger Reserve.	<p>The boundary of the Pakke TR (kml file) has been obtained from the NTCA website. Also the notification of Pakke TR (buffer zone) and map has been analyzed in ARC-GIS. After careful analysis it has been observed that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the proposed route alignment is more than 5 km from Pakke Tiger Reserve core area (<i>Enclosed Map</i>),</li> <li>2) The proposed route alignment is also outside the Pakke TR (buffer area) (<i>Enclosed map</i>)</li> </ol> <p>As per the guideline of MoEF (<i>OM enclosed</i>), projects falling in the ESZ but not requiring Environmental Clearance will also not require approval of NBWL. Transmission lines being exempted from EC clearance, hence do not require Wildlife clearance if falls within the ESZ.</p>

The above compliance is submitted in your good office for your kind persual so that the file can be forwarded to IRO, MoEF Guwahati for according necessary Stage-I clearance.

Thanking you.

Encl:

i) MoEF Notification; F.No. 6-60/2020WL Part (1) Dated.16.07.2020.

ii) Supporting Maps

Yours faithfully,

*25/01/2022*

Jai Ram Yadava

Sr. General Manager/Comp.Scheme  
POWERGRID,Itanagar



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Copy to:

1. The Commissioner (Power), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar, for kind information please.
2. Superintending Engineer (E), TP&M Zone cum Member Secretary's (SPIU). Dept. of Power, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. For kind information please.
3. The Executive Director, Comp. Scheme, POWERGRID, Itanagar, for kind information please.

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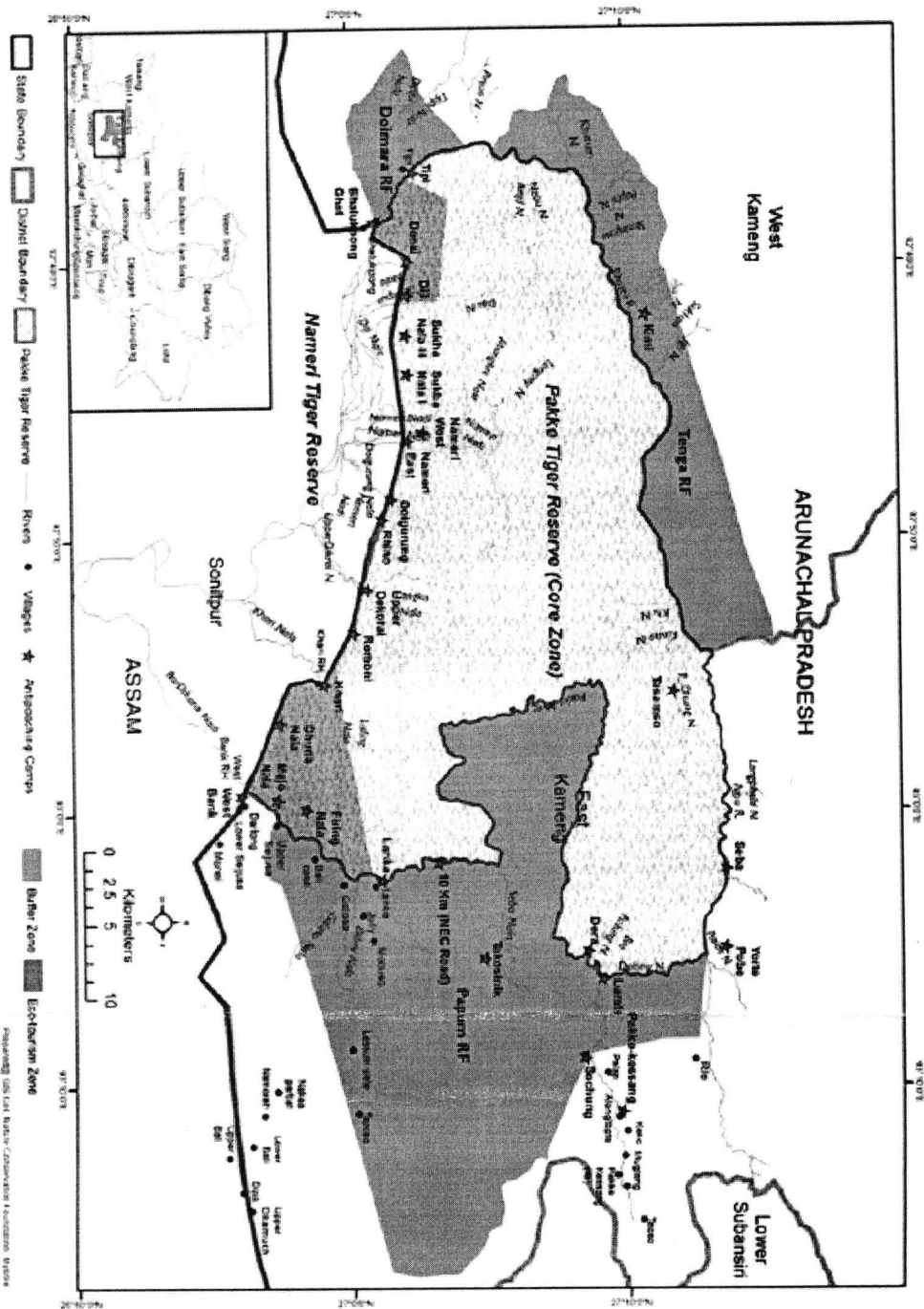
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**PAKKE TR CORE AREA**


**PAKKE TR (BUFFER AREA PAPU)**



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D.O.No.Z-11012/5/2012-IA.II(T)  
02<sup>nd</sup> July, 2012

Dear

This relates to setting up of Solar Power Projects within 10 km radius of National Parks or Wildlife Sanctuaries.

2 You may be aware that vide an Order dated 04<sup>th</sup> December 2006 in Writ Petition No 460/2004 (Goa Foundation & Ors), the Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed inter alia that for all activities within the eco-sensitive zones of a National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary, environmental clearance would be granted after prior clearance of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife. Ministry has notified guidelines for declaration of eco-sensitive zones around National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.

3 It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) that some States are not allowing setting up of solar power projects within 10 km of National Parks or Wildlife Sanctuaries without prior clearance of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.

4 The matter has been examined Ministry of Environment & Forests vide OM No J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 13.05.2011 and 30.06.2011 has clarified that solar photo voltaic power projects and solar thermal power projects are not covered by the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 (copies enclosed). Solar photo voltaic power projects and solar thermal power projects do not, therefore, require environmental clearance under the provisions of EIA Notification 2006. Such projects need not, therefore, be referred to the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife for the purpose of environment clearance.





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5. It is requested that you may kindly advise the Departments of Environment and Forests in your State suitably in order to ensure that the Supreme Court's Order dated 04.12.2006 and the guidelines for declaration of eco-sensitive zone around National and Wildlife Sanctuaries issued by the Ministry implemented in letter and spirit. Projects falling in such ESZs, which are not covered under the EIA Notification, and which do not require environmental clearance, would also not require prior approval of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife.

With regards

Yours sincerely,



J. K. Chatterjee

Encls. As above

To

Chief Secretaries as per list enclosed

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

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Dated: 24th July, 2020

To  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All State/UT Governments

Sub: Clarifications on projects requiring prior approval of Standing Committee of NBWL (SC-NBWL) under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 - regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the para 12.5 of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard some states have sought clarification regarding requirement of permission of SC-NBWL for the projects falling within ESZs.

The matter of requirement of wildlife clearance in ESZs has been examined in the Ministry and a clarification has been issued vide letter no. 6-60/2020WL Part (I) dt. 16.07.2020. Accordingly the para-12.5 of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, is modified and may be read as:

*'12.5 Prior recommendation of Standing Committee of NBWL under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be obtained, if required, for taking developmental activities in/over an area falling within eco sensitive zones around notified PAs in addition to prior approval of diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes if such area involved is "Forests" as defined by Hon'ble Supreme Court in their order of 12.12.96'.*

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All State/UT Governments
2. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), All Regional Offices, MoEF&CC
3. Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, All States/UTs
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi

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F. No. 6-60/2020WL Part (1)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
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Dated: 16 July, 2020

To  
The Chief Secretary  
All States/ UTs

**Subject: Procedure for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary by Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life seeking environmental clearance under the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 - regarding.**

The Ministry has received letters from States/UTs seeking clarifications regarding applicability of consideration by Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life for developmental projects/activities which do not require environmental clearance and are located outside the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.

2. This Ministry vide O.M. F. No. 22-43/ 2018-IA. III dated 08.08.2019 lays out detailed procedure to be adopted for consideration of developmental projects located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary seeking environmental clearance under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.

3. After careful consideration of the matter, it is clarified that prior clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wild Life will be required outside Protected Area in the following cases:

- i. Proposals involving project/ activity located within the notified ESZ (not being draft notification) and listed in the Schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and requiring environment clearance, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life will be required.
- ii. Proposals involving activity/project located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary wherein ESZ has not been finally notified and listed in the Schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and requiring environment clearance, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life will be required.
- iii. Proposals involving activity/project, falling outside the protected areas linking one protected area or tiger reserve with another protected area or tiger reserve, prior clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild



Life as per the section 38 O(1)(g) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 will be required.

4. Para 4(ii) and para 4(iv) of the OM dated 08.08.2019 supra shall however continue to apply.
5. State Governments are requested not to insist upon wildlife clearance for such developmental projects outside Protected Areas that are not covered under para 3 above.
6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Rakesh Kumar Jagenia)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Wildlife)

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- (2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF (All States/ UTs)/ Chief Wild Life Wardens (All States/UTs)
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