

GOVERNMENT OF ATUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
ITANAGAR

No.FOR.3-220/Cons/2020/ 3795-3801

Dated Itanagar, the 22nd Sept'2021

To

The General Manager (P),
NHIDCL
Taye Gumin Building,
2nd Mile, Piyong Road,
Namsai-792103.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 49.69 ha forest land for construction of Demwe-Brahmakund Road from 0.00 km to 18.464 km by NHIDCL in Lohit District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change's vide letter No. 11/160/2019-FC dtd. 23.06.2021 has permitted that in respect of all the proposals which have been granted stage-I approval before the expiry of the validity of General approval by the Ministry and are pending for stage-II approval, the concerned State Government/UT Administration may accord final approval.

Inpursuance of the aforesaid letter and after careful consideration of the proposal and due fulfillment of all the stipulated conditions of Stage-I approval issued vide letter No.FOR.3-220/Cons/2020/3063-67 dtd 24.12.2020, forest clearance (**Stage-II approval**) under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act'1980 for diversion of 49.69 ha forest land for construction of Demwe-Brahmakund Road from 0.00 km to 18.464 km by NHIDCL in Lohit District of Arunachal Pradesh is hereby granted by the State Govt. as the proposed road is within 100 km of aerial distance from LAC as certified by the User Agency subject to the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The compensatory afforestation shall be raised over equivalent area diverted i.e. 49.69 ha in degraded forest land identified by DFO, Lohit at Tezu PRF under Lohit Forest Division as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme furnished by the State Govt. The Compensatory Afforestation Plantation shall consist of mixed indigenous species.
3. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures of indigenous species along the road within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Environment & Forests Department at the cost of the User Agency.
4. The tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable under strict supervision of the State Environment & Forests Department. The actual felling when and how carried out need to be informed.
5. The user agency will undertake comprehensive soil and water conservation measures at the project cost.
6. No damage to flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
7. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
8. No labour camp shall be established outside ROW granted for the road alignment.
9. The user agency shall provide fuel wood, preferably alternate fuel, to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of trees or buy the fuel wood from the extracted timber from the Environment & Forests Department to be used by labourers.

10. The muck dumping area shall be stabilized and plantation of suitable indigenous species shall be carried out over stabilized dumps on the cost of the user agency under the supervision of State Environment & Forests Department.
11. The muck dumping will be done at the designated sites under the supervision of the representative of Divisional Forest Officer, Lohit Forest Division.
12. The User Agency will undertake construction/maintenance of retaining/breast wall in steep slopes to ensure soil stablation and provide for proper drains/cross drains.
13. The designing of the culverts/bridges, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of the water. It should not cause rise of water level resulting in water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
14. All site specific engineering structures like retaining walls, breast wall and drainage shall be constructed to avoid any soil erosion and for slope stability of the concerned hills.
15. The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
16. 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.
17. The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
18. In case of any violation of the stipulated conditions, immediate action will be taken by the Environment & Forests Department as per Ministry's letter No.5-5/86/FC dtd 07/12/1999 and letter No.2-1-51/2004/RONE/Vol-II/3181-02 dtd 28/12/2006.
19. The layout of the plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
20. The User Agency shall submit an annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to this office regularly.
21. In future, any other conditions, as may be found appropriate for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by the concerned authority.
22. The project proponent shall publish entire forest clearance granted in verbatim in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and the other in English language so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non-forest purposes.
23. A copy of the forest clearance order shall be sent by the proponent to concerned heads of Local Bodies, Panchayat, Zilla Parishad and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt.
24. This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the this office.
25. This approval is being given under the general approval given by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI vide their letter F. No.11-246/2014-FC dtd. 19.04.2018 and permission accorded for Stage-II approval vide MoEF & CC's letter F. No. FC.11/160/2019-FC dtd 23.06.2021.

You are, therefore, allowed to use the diverted forestland strictly for construction of the road as proposed and approved subject to the fulfillment of conditions mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,


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

Copy to:

1. The Inspector General of Forest, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003.
2. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati, 4th Floor, Housefed Building, GS Road, Rukmini Gaon, Guwahati-781022 for information.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forest, EAC, Tezu for information. He is requested to ensure that all the conditions mentioned above are strictly complied with by the User Agency and there is no deviation from the purpose and also no violation of the provisions of F (C) Act, 1980 is there.
4. The CEO, State Authority for information alongwith copy of CA scheme with the request to ensure taking up of CA at designated site only.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Lohit Forest Division, Tezu for information. The User Agency authority may be allowed to use the land in question strictly for the purpose as approved. They will ensure that all the conditions mentioned above are strictly complied with by the User Agency and there is no deviation from the actual purpose of utilization of forest land and also no violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 takes place. Their special attention is drawn to the conditions mentioned at Sl. No.4 above. While marking the trees, it should be ensured that the minimum number of unavoidable trees actually required to be felled are marked for felling. The felling to be strictly done under the supervision of the department.
6. The Executive Director (P), NHIDCL, Niti Vihar, Itanagar for information and necessary action


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