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**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI.**

No.FRS.152/2018/414

Dated Dispur, the 16th October, 2020

From : Smti. M. Baruah, IAS
Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Environment and Forest Department.

To : The Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC Division),
Govt. of India, MoEF & CC,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi-110003.

Sub : Compliance Report of the conditions of the "In-Principle Approval" for diversion of
523.046 ha. of forest land for construction of Lower Kopili Hydro Electrical Project
(120 MW) under Dima-Hasao West Division, Haflong and Hamren Division.

Ref : F. No.8-53/2018-FC dated 06.10.2020.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to submit herewith the clarification with supporting documents by meeting up the observations made by you vide letter under reference in connection to the conditions of the "In-Principle Approval" for diversion of 523.046 ha. of forest land for construction of Lower Kopili Hydro Electrical Project (120 MW) under Dima-Hasao West Division, Haflong and Hamren Division as below :

Sl. No.	Query from MoEF&CC	Reply
i.	In compliance to condition no.(iv) of in-principle approval which states, " <i>since muck disposal has not been permitted within the proposed diverted forest area</i> 22 ha forest land shall be added to the already identified Green Belt within the proposed forest area for diversion and all other items will remain same as submitted earlier. Thus, 198.746 ha out of proposed diversion of 523.046 ha of forest land shall be maintained as Green Belt, the State Govt." has not been clearly mentioned that the said area will maintain as Green Belt and moreover no undertaking is given by the user agency. In addition, no scheme/plan prepared at the cost of the user agency for implementing the referred area as green belt	A separate undertaking regarding maintenance of the 198.746 ha of Green Belt area along with the scheme/plan prepared at the cost of the user agency (APGCL) for implementing the referred area as Green Belt area is enclosed as Annexure-I.
ii.	It is mentioned in the transfer order of CA that the CA has been transferred to Forest Department for compensatory afforestation. It is not clear whether the proposed nonforest land identified for CA has been notified as PF/RF or not. If not, the same may be notified prior to Stage-II approval.	The concerned notification for the 7 (seven) patches of compensatory afforestation land in Dima Hasao district and 1 (one) patch in Karbi Anglong district mentioning the proposed CA land as Reserve Forest are enclosed as Annexure-II.
iii.	With regard to R&R plan, only undertaking is given by the user agency. Thus, the approved R&R plan is not given.	The R&R plan approved by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is enclosed as Annexure-III.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Environment and Forest Department.

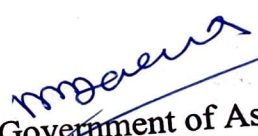
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Copy to :

1. The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, North-Eastern Regional Office, Law-u-Sib, Lumbatngen, near MTC Workshop, Shillong-793021.
2. The Spl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karbi Anglong, Diphu for kind information.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (F.C) Act, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Dima-Hasao District, Assam, Haflong for information.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Dima-Hasao Forest Division, West, Haflong-Hamren Division, Hamren for information.
6. The Chief General Manager (Hydro), Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd., 2nd Floor, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltanbazar, Ghy-01.

By order etc.,


Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Environment and Forest Department.