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09th May, 2024

सेवामे,

प्रमुख सचिव/ Principal Secretary
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पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Dept of Forests & Environment
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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 6.005 ha of forest land for construction of Denzi Small Hydro Electric Project (10 MW) by M/s Buru Energy Private Limited in West Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh-Reg.

Ref: (i) Letter No. FOR.657/Cons/2026/701-04 dated 22.02.2024 of Govt of Assam.
(ii) Letter No. 3-AN C/168/2023/GHY/4990-91 dated 19.12.2023 of Sub Office, Guwahati.

Sir,

With reference to the subject and letter cited above, I am directed to request the Sate Govt to refer Rule 10 Sub rule (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 which is as reproduced under :

“...(ii) hydro electric power projects of upto 25 MW capacity proposed in the river basin where cumulative impact assessment to assess the carrying capacity of the river basin has been done; ... shall be examined in the Regional Office and disposed off in the manner specified in sub-rule (3).”

State Govt is requested to clarify on the status of cumulative impact assessment to assess the carrying capacity of the river basin for this proposal to provide copy of the same and , if not carried out the reason thereof.

Moreover, the HEP proposals seeking forest clearance under F(C)Act,1980 are sometimes submitted without complete Wildlife / Environment Management and Catchment Area Treatment plan, cumulative impact assessment and carrying capacity study of the river basin, etc.. The similar case has been observed in Lower Subansiri Hydro Electric project wherein Wildlife/Environment Management and Catchment Area Treatment plan has not been submitted by the State Govt even after 18 years of according the ‘Final Approval’ which is defeating the very purpose of timely offsetting the adverse impact on the environment as evident in this office letter File No 8-100/2002 - FC dated 12.04.2022 (copy enclosed). This is also an impediment for other projects including small hydro electric proposals including this proposal.

Henceforth, State Govt is requested to submit all the HEP proposals including the small hydro electric proposals which are seeking forest clearance under F(C)Act,1980 along with the cumulative impact assessment to assess the carrying capacity of the river basin, Wildlife / Environment Management and Catchment Area Treatment plan(wherever required) in order to avoid the inordinate delay in processing of such proposals in future and enable this office to take informed decision.

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C)

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