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F.No.3 AS C 096/2022-GHY/2724- 2725

19th July, 2022

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 9.23 ha of forest land for 11 Nos. Tower location (123 to 136 A) of 132 KV S/C Haflong-Jiribam Transmission line in Borail Wildlife Sanctuary (East Block) under Cachar Division by Power Grid Corporation o findia Ltd..

Ref: (i) Letter No. FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Power Grid/Cachar Division dated 28.06.2022 of Govt of Assam.

(ii) Letter No. F.No.3 AS C 096/2022-GHY/2572-73 dated 21.06.2022 of IRO, Guwahati.

(iii)Letter No. FRS.60/2022/86 dated 06.06.2022 of Govt of Assam.

Sir,

With reference to the subject and letter cited above, I am to inform that the proposal mentioned under subject above has been discussed by the REC in its meeting held on 29.06.2022. The State Govt. is requested to kindly furnish the following:-

- 1) To clarify how the land involved in "existing transmission line" was taken by PGCIL in 1991 from NEEPCO without Central Govt permission for change in user agency.
- 2) To justify how PGCIL signed an agreement with NHIDCL in 2019 to allow the NHIDCL for using the 'existing transmission line' without the approval of Central Govt as the legal status of the land is 'forest'.
- 3) Clarification on the length of the proposed transmission line as it is mentioned as 13.5 kms from tower location no 104 to location 164 in the cost benefit analysis whereas the length of the proposed transmission line is passing through Borail Wildlife Sanctuary (East Block) is 3.416 km.
- 4) To conduct the site inspection of the identified compensatory afforestation site by an officer not below the rank of CF as it comprises of 20 ha MDF and 01 ha Open Forest as per the DSS report and a report be submitted mentioning vegetation, forest density, photographs of inspected officer taken at the CA site, or else an alternate CA site be submitted along with SoI maps, site suitability certificate, kml file etc.

State Govt is requested to kindly furnish the above information to this office for further processing of this proposal.

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Inspector General of Forests(C)

Copy to:

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