

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

No.F.6-1396/FC/For-2024/311-315

Dated 27/06/2025.

ORDER

Subject: - Proposal for diversion of 0.2025 Ha of forest land for construction of permanent sectionalizing valve (SV-3) Station for day-to-day monitoring and control for Agartala-Tulamura Natural Gas Pipeline operation Mouja-Rangkang PRF in Gomati District by Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) -reg.

The User Agency (Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited) submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.2025 Ha of forest land for construction of permanent sectionalizing valve (SV-3) Station for day-to-day monitoring and control for Agartala-Tulamura Natural Gas Pipeline operation Mouja-Rangkang PRF in Gomati District seeking approval of the central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

The IRO, MoEF & CC, Shillong issued In-Principle Approval subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions under section-2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 vide letter No. FP/TR/OTHERS/453712/2023/2897-98 dated 20.12.2024. Accordingly, the User Agency deposited the NPV & CA etc. in favour of National CAMPA and thereafter submitted the condition wise compliance reports vide letter IGGL/NEGG/SV-03/TULAMURA/2025/01 dated 05.04.2025.

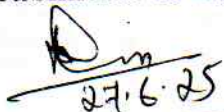
The said compliance report have been communicated to the IRO, MoEF & CC, Shillong vide this office letter No.F.6-1396/FC/For-2024/219-20 dated 21.05.2025. Based on the compliance reports, the IRO, MoEF & CC, Shillong issued Final Approval vide letter No. FP/TR/OTHERS/453712/2023/567-68 dated 28.05.2025 subject to certain condition stipulated in the Final Approval (copy enclosed).

In compliance of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order vide dated 07/11/2012 and Ministry's letter dated 24/07/2013, the State Government is to pass a reasoned order for transferring and/ or allowing the land in question for being used for non-forestry purpose, hence this order is being issued subject to the following:

- i. The final order along with the conditions imposed in the approval by the Central Government is mandatorily required to be displayed in the Tripura Forest Department website.
- ii. Copies of the forest clearance and this order should be sent to all head of concerned local bodies, Panchayats / Municipal bodies etc. for wide publicity.
- iii. The District Forest Officer, Gomati District is hereby asked to submit the monitoring report time to time to the Nodal Officer, FCA ensuring compliance of all conditions of Final Approval.

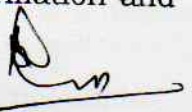
The District Forest Officer, Gomati District will also arrange to hand over the said forest land to the user agency and a certificate to this effect is to be submitted to the Nodal Officer, FCA along with GPS polygon of the area.

Encl:- As stated.


27.6.25
(Sanjib Das. IFS)
Addl. Secretary to the
Government of Tripura

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Tripura.
2. The Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment & Forests Integrated Regional Office, Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen, Near M.T.C. Workshop, Shillong 793021 of kind information please.
3. The PCCF & Nodal Officer, FCA, O/O- the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura for favour of kind information please.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), FHQ for kind information.
5. The District Magistrate & Collector, Gomati District for kind information.
6. The District Forest Officer, Gomati District for kind information and necessary action please. He is requested to ensure the compliance of conditions as stipulated in the Final Approval.
7. The Asst. Conservator of Forests (IT), O/O- the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura for information and necessary action.
8. The Chief Project Manager, Indradhanush Gas Grid Ltd. (IGGL), Guwahati for information and needful.
9. The In-Charge, GIS Lab, O/O- the PCCF & HoFF, Tripura for information and necessary action.



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Online Proposal No.: FP/TR/OTHERS/453712/2023



Dated: 28/05/2025

To,

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गवर्नमेंट ऑफ त्रिपुरा / Government of Tripura
डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ एनवायरनमेंट & फॉरेस्ट्स / Department of Environment & Forests,
Kunjaban, Agartala.

Subject:

Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.2025 Hectare** forest land for construction of permanent sectionalizing valve (SV-03) Station for day-to-day monitoring and control for Agartala- Tulamura Natural Gas Pipeline operation Mouja-Rangkang PRF in Gomati District.

Sir/Madam,

This has got reference to the State Government of Tripura letter No.F.6-1396/FC/For-2024/574-80 dated 04.11.2024 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and the In-principle approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter dated 20.12.2024 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Govt has furnished compliance report in respect to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Tripura vide letter No.F.6-1396/FC/For-2024/219-20 dated 21.05.2025 and payment of compensatory levies under CAMPA by user agency, **Final approval (Stage-II)** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of **0.2025 Hectare** of forest land for construction of permanent sectionalizing valve (SV-3) Station for day-to-day monitoring and control for Agartala- Tulamura Natural Gas pipeline operation in Gomati District by Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL), subject to the following conditions:

1. General Conditions

S.No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	The Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 0.4050 ha of degraded forest land identified in Compartment No.1, R.S. Plot No.1190 (P), Khatian No. 4/31, Mouja- R. K Pur RF in Gomati District, Tripura. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
1.3	The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be levelled.
1.4	The User Agency shall take all necessary measures to prevent soil erosion and ensure stabilisation of the site under the guidance of the Forest Department;
1.5	The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal by the State Government, if any.
1.6	No labour camps shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fire firewood, preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
1.7	The User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
1.8	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
1.9	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
1.10	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
1.11	The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area.
1.12	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
1.13	The layout of the plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.14	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
1.15	The user agency shall obtain the mandatory Environment Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required.

S. No	Conditions
1.16	The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
1.17	The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.
1.18	Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
1.19	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
1.20	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.21	The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.22	All other clearance/ NOCs under different applicable rules/regulations /local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights)Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No.II-911998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.
1.23	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest(Conservation) Act,1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019.
1.24	This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.
1.25	The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.
1.26	Any other conditions that the Regional Office, Shillong may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests & Wildlife.

2. Standard conditions

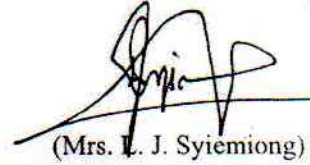
3. Specific Conditions

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Your's faithfully

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