

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA  
FOREST DEPARTMENT

No.F. 6-985/FC/For-14/ 460 - 469

Dated, the, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

ORDER

**Subject: -** Proposal for diversion of 7.68 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV single circuit transmission line from 132 KV sub-station at Ambassa to 33 KV sub-station at Gandacherra (portion from Harincherra to Ganganagar 33 KV sub-station) under DFO, Dhalai

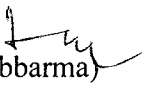
Pursuant to the Final approval issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Regional Officer, Shillong vide letter No.3- TRC 049/2016-SHI/1790-91 dated 23.08.2018 and in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide letter dated 24.07.2013, I am directed to state that after due consideration, the State Govt. approves handing over of 7.68 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV single circuit transmission line from 132 KV sub-station at Ambassa to 33 KV sub-station at Gandacherra (portion from Harincherra to Ganganagar 33 KV sub-station) under DFO, Dhalai in the State of Tripura with the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised by the State Forest Department as proposed by the State Govt. over double degraded forest land area i.e. 15.36 ha of degraded forest land in CS plot No.22, khatian No.12 under Ratannagar mouja, Gandacherra range, Dhalai district, Tripura. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised comprising of indigenous species with 20 % of medicinal Plant/ herbs and shrubs by the State Forest Deptt. As per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme furnished by the State Govt.
- iii. Where routing of transmission lines through the forest area cannot be avoided, these should be aligned in such a way that it involves the least amount of tree cutting.
- iv. As far as possible, the routing alignment through forest area should not have any line deviation.
- v. The maximum width of right of way for the transmission lines on forest land in the instant proposal shall be 10 mtr.
- vi. Below each conductor, width clearance of 3(three) metres should be permitted for taking tension stringing equipment. The trees on such strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up.
- vii. Felling/ Pollarding/ Pruning of trees shall be done with the permission and supervision of local forest officer, whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance.
- viii. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line.
- ix. Trees shall be allowed to be felled or lopped to the extent required for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining the minimum 4 meters clearance between conductors and trees. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance.

- x. The plantation of dwarf species in right of way under the transmission lines wherever feasible may be carried out under project cost in consultation with State Forest Department. The plantation should consist of at least 50 % indigenous medicinal plants/ herbs species of the total seedlings.
- xi. State Forest Department and the project proponent should try to reduce felling of number of trees and bamboo culms.
- xii. **Permanent demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.**
- xiii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- xiv. Regular patrolling of the transmission lines shall be carried out by the User Agency to check sag and swing, and contact of the live wire with the trees.
- xv. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- xvi. Sufficient alternative fuel (other than fire wood) shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborers at their own cost.
- xvii. The User Agency shall provide retaining walls to avoid huge earth cuttings for fixing the legs of the towers wherever necessary.
- xxviii. User Agency shall take necessary steps to keep the height of the transmission line such that no wild animal come in accidental contact with live wire.
- xix. The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use of surrounding forest / forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
- xx. Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of State Forest Deptt.).
- xxi. 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.
- xxii. The user agency will undertake comprehensive soil and water conservation measures at the project cost.
- xxiii. No damage to the flora fauna of the area shall be caused.
- xxiv. The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned District Forest Officer.
- xxv. In case of any violation of the stipulated conditions immediate action is to be taken by the Forest Deptt. as per Ministry's letter No.5-5/86/FC dated 07.12.1999 and letter No.2-1-51/2004/RONE/Vol-II/3181-02 dated 28.12.2006
- xxvi. All other clearances / NOCs under different rules/ regulations / local laws and under Forest dwellers under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No.11-9/1998-FC(PT) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.
- xxvii. This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the North Eastern Regional Office, Shillong.
- xxviii. Any other condition as may be found appropriate in future for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), North Eastern Regional Office.

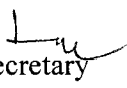
2. Copies of the Forest Clearance and this order should be submitted to all head of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal bodies etc. for wide publicity.
3. The District Forest Officer, Dhalai is also requested to submit the monitoring report time to time to the Nodal Officer, FCA ensuring compliance of all conditions.
4. The handing over and taking over certificate is to be submitted to the Nodal Officer, FCA along with GPS reading and polygon over the diverted land.

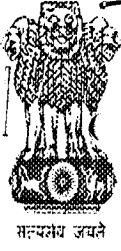
Encl:- As stated

  
 (B. Debbarma)  
 Addl. Secretary  
 to the Government of Tripura  
 17/09/18

**Copy to:-**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura for favour of kind information please.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, North Eastern Regional Office, Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen, Near M.T.C. Workshop, Shillong 793021 of kind information please
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, O/O- the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura for favour of kind information please.
4. The Director, ICAT, Agartala with a request to publish the same in two widely circulated daily newspaper one in vernacular language and the other in English Language.
5. The Addl. General Manager & Nodal Officer, Transmission Circle, TSECL, 79 Tilla, Agartala for information and necessary action please.
6. The District Magistrate & Collector, Dhalai for information and necessary action please.
7. **The District Forest Officer, Dhalai for information and necessary action please. He is requested to ensure the compliance of condition No.xii before handing over the forest land.**
8. The Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Ambassa Forest Sub-Division for information and necessary action please.
9. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Ambassa Sub-Division for information and necessary action please.
- ✓ 10. The In-Charge, GIS Lab, O/O- the PCCF(T), Agartala with a request to upload the same in the website of Forest Department, Tripura.

  
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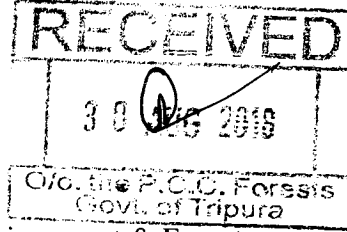
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पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/ Department of Environment & Forests

कुंजावन, अगरतला/ Kunjaban, Agartala.



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Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. F.6-985/FC/For-2014/293-97 dated 20.08.2016 and No. F.6-985/FC/For-Pt-I/232-34 dated 25.07.2018 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal, In-Principle Approval was granted by Regional Office, Shillong vide letter No. 3-TR C 049/2016-SHI/1461-62 dated 07.08.2017 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the In-Principle Approval and has requested the Central Government to grant Final Approval.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. F.6-985/FC/For-Pt-I/232-34 dated 25.07.2018 and electronic confirmation of fund deposited for compensatory levies from the Corporation Bank dated 28.11.2017 and 02.04.2018, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 7.68 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV single circuit transmission line from 132 KV sub station at Ambassa to 33 KV Sub Station at Gandhacherra (portion from Harincherra to Ganganagar 33 KV Sub-station) under District Forest Officer, Dhalai subject to the following conditions:

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This has the approval of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central).

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(आर. एल. सांगा/R.L. Sanga)

वन संरक्षक (केंद्रीय)/ Conservator of Forests(C)

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