GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

ORDER

Dated, the, 16th June, 2015

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 10.536 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 in favour of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Tripura State Electricity Corporation Ltd. Tripura Agartala under Ambassa Forest Division

In pursuance of the order dated 07.11.12 of the Hon’ble National Green Tribunal and guideline issued by the MoEF, FC Division, New Delhi vide letter dated 27.07.2013 District Forest Officer, Dhalai, Ambassa is directed to handover the forest land measuring 10.536 ha in Mouja Kanchanpur, Jagatrampur & Kulai RF for non-forestry use to the User Agency (Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Tripura State Electricity Corporation Ltd. Tripura Agartala) for which final approval has been issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, North Eastern Regional Office, Shillong vide letter No.F.No.3- TR C 07112010-SHI/983-85 dated 20.10.2014 (copy enclosed) as per following conditions:

i. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.

ii. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over 21.072 ha of double degraded forest land identified in CS Plot No.153 under Mouja Latiacherra of Kachucherra TK in Ambassa Forest Division of Dhalai District of Tripura with the State Forest Department consisting of indigenous mixed species with at least 20% herbs and shrubs of medicinal plants.

iii. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of rates by Hon’ble Supreme Court of India the validity period / tenure of forest division, shall be charged by the State Govt. from User Agency.

iv. Permanent demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar superscripted on the pillars and forest land to be diverted shall be handed over to the User Agency only after demarcation on the ground is completed.

v. The allowed maximum width of right of way shall be 27 mtr.

vi. Below each conductor, width clearance of 3(three) mtrs shall be permitted for taking tension stringing equipment. However natural generation shall be allowed to come up as soon as the stringing work is completed.

vii. Felling/ Pollarding/ Pruning of trees shall be done with the permission and supervision of the State Forest Department, whichever necessary, to maintain electrical clearance. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line.

viii. Minimum of 4.0 mtrs between conductors and trees shall be allowed. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance. Regular trimming need to be carried out so that the trees do not touch the live wire.

ix. The User Agency shall ensure the erection of high towers and feeling minimum numbers of trees.

x. In case, the transmission line is to be constructed in hilly area, where adequate clearance is already available, trees shall not be cut.

xi. The User Agency shall trim/pollard and maintain the biomass wherever feasible under the power line/ transmission line or bear the cost to get it done by an expert agency of Forest Deptt. under the supervision of Forest Officer.

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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.

The plantation of dwarf species in right of way under the transmission lines wherever feasible may be carried out under project cost.

The regular patrolling of the transmission line shall be carried out by the User Agency to check sag and swing, and contact of the live wire with the trees.

No labour camp shall be established on the forest land

Sufficient firewood/ LPG / Kerosene shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborers at their own cost, procuring from approved sources.

The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.

The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use of surrounding forest / forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.

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 satisfaction of State Forest Deptt.).

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.

The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned District Forest Officer.

Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.

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.

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. The copies of the Forest Clearances and this order should be submitted to the all head of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal bodies etc. for wide publicity.

3. The District Forest Officer, Dhalai, Ambassa is also requested to submit the monitoring report time to time to the Nodal Officer, FCA after fulfillment of all conditions.

4. The handing over and taking certificate is to be submitted to the Nodal Officer, FCA along with GPS reading and polygon over the diverted land.

Enclo:- As stated

Addl. Secretary
Government of Tripura

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 kind information and necessary action please. He is requested to pursue the matter with the Director, ICAT for publishing the same in the daily local news paper.
6. The District Magistrate & Collector, Dhalai, Ambassa for kind information for kind information and necessary action please.
7. The District Forest Officer, Dhalai, Ambassa for information and necessary action please.
8. The Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Ambassa Forest 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 and submit the status report to the Nodal Officer, FCA.

Addl. Secretary
to the Government of Tripura
To

The Secretary,
Forest Department,
Government of Tripura,
Agartala

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Sir,

This has reference to the State Govt letter No.F.6-799/FC-09/511-1-t dated Agartala, the 18-08-2010 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 vide this office letter of even number dated 22.04.2013 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 letter No.F.6-799/FC/For-2009/290 dated 07.07.2014 of Govt of Tripura and confirmation of Ad-hoc CAMPA, New Delhi letter No 1-32/2013-CAMPA dated 01.10.2014, ‘Final Approval’ of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 10.536 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 in favour of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Tripura State Electricity Corporation Ltd. Tripura, Agartala under Ambassa Forest Division subject to the following conditions:

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3. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of rates by Hon’ble Supreme Court of India during the validity period/tenure of forest division, shall be charged by the State Govt from the user Agency.
4. Permanent demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance from Pillar to pillar superscribed on the pillars and forest land to be diverted shall be handed over to the User Agency only after demarcation on the ground is completed.
5. The allowed maximum width of right of Way shall be 27mt.
6. Below each conductor, width clearance of 3 (three) metres shall be permitted for taking tension stringing equipment. However, natural generation shall be allowed to come up as soon as the stringing work is completed.
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(24) Any other conditions 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.

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

Yours faithfully,

(W.I. Yatbon)
Deputy Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to:
1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF, Govt. of Tripura, Kunjaban, Agartala.

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Deputy Conservator of Forests(C)