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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

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ACF (Com) -
To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

Sub: Diversion of 153.77 ha (36.07 ha + 117.70 ha) of forestland in favour of M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited for laying of 132KV S/C Transmission Line from Pasighat to Roing in East Siang and Dibang Valley Districts of Arunachal Pradesh- regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. letter no. FOR.327/CONS/2010/376-83 dated 19.02.2013 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under section-3 of the said Act, 'in-principle' approval was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 26th June 2013 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter no. FOR.327/CONS/2010/3306-08 dated 16th August, 2013 and 9th December, 2013, final approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 153.77 ha (36.07 ha + 117.70 ha) of forestland in favour of M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited for laying of 132KV S/C Transmission Line from Pasighat to Roing in East Siang and Dibang Valley Districts of Arunachal Pradesh subject to the fulfilment of following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Compensatory Afforestation over the degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest area being diverted shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the funds already deposited by the User Agency;
- vi. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (ix) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- (x) The user Agency shall provide 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;