

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

No.FRS. 129/2021/136

Dated Dispur, the 19th February, 2022

- From : Sri I. Kalita, ACS,
Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Environment and Forest Department.
- To : The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Assam,
Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
- Sub : **Permission for trees cutting and commencement of work for diversion of 19.791 ha of forest land for shifting of 132 KV S/C Gohpur-Nirjuli Transmission line for Loc No. 42 to Loc No.64 due to upcoming Greenfield Airport at Hollongi in Gohpur Reserved Forest under Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath Chariali by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.**
- Ref : 1. Letter No. FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Power Grid/S. E. Division dated 15.02.2021
2. Letter No. No.3-AS C 074/2021-GHY/1751-1752 Dated 28/12/2021

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject and letters quoted above, I am to state that the Government of Assam is pleased to accord Working Permission to the User Agency i.e. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. to commence the work and cutting trees in forest area for the proposed diversion of 19.791 ha of forest land for shifting of 132 KV S/C Gohpur - Nirjuli Transmission line for Loc No. 42 to Loc No.64 due to the upcoming Greenfield Airport at Hollongi in Gohpur Reserved Forest under Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath Chariali for a period of one (1) year, subject to the following conditions :

- 1) Before felling of trees and commencement of works, an agreement shall have to be executed by the User Agency i.e. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. with the Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath Chariali that they shall abide by all the conditions stipulated in the 'In-Principle Approval' granted by the Govt. of India vide letter Reference No.3-AS C 074/2021-GHY/1751-1752 Dated 28/12/2021. All the conditions laid down in the 'In-Principle Approval' shall be incorporated in the Agreement and any violation of the conditions or the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or the Rules made thereunder during the working permission shall lead to cancellation of the working permission without prejudice to any other legal action as per law/Rules.

However on grant of Final Approval by Govt. of India, a separate/ additional agreement shall have to be executed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath Chariali with the user agency as was being done earlier.

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- 2) The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath Chariali shall take requisite measures to carry out felling of trees departmentally, as expeditiously as possible, standing on the forest land for which the 'In Principle Approval' has been granted by the Central Government as per the prescribed procedure.
- 3) The Divisional Forest Officer, Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath Chariali shall monitor the marking and feeling of trees which should be restricted to the bare minimum for the project.
- 4) Felling of trees and commencement of work shall be carried out only after accurate demarcation of area and fixing of 4 feet high RCC boundary pillars (with GPS coordinates and forward/backward bearing) along the boundary of the forest area proposed for diversion.

You are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

1. The Deputy General Manager, 132/33 KV Nirjuli Sub-Station, Power Grid Corporation India Ltd., Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh-791109.
2. PS to Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department.
3. PS to Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department

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