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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

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Dated: 18.01.2018

To

The Chief Engineer
Chief Engineer/Projects/TANGEDCO
5th Floor, Western Wing,
144, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 600 002, Tamil Nadu.

Subject: Kundah Pumped Storage Hydro Electric Project (4 x 125 MW) in Nilgiri District of Tamil Nadu by M/s Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd, Government of Tamil Nadu - Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance - regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. CE/Proj./SE/PD&C/EE-3/AEE/F. Kundah EC/D.No.132 dated 21.9.2017 on the above subject. The Environmental Clearance (EC) for Kundah Pumped Storage Hydro Electric Project (4 x 125 MW) in Nilgiri District of Tamil Nadu was accorded on 8.5.2007 for a period of 5 years as per the provisions of EIA Notification, 1994 & 2006. Thereafter, the Ministry extended the validity of the EC on 9.9.2013 for 2 years i.e. up-to 30.6.2014. Your request for extension of validity of EC for another 5 years has been examined by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for River Valley & Hydroelectric Projects in its meeting held on 2-3rd March, 2017.

2. The EAC duly considered the relevant documents submitted by you. The EAC considering all the relevant facts of the project as presented by you, recommended for extension of validity of EC initially for a period of 6 months i.e. from 8.5.2017 to 7.11.2017 and after getting compliance and monitoring report from RO, MoEF & CC, Chennai, the remaining extension of 2½ years could be granted. Accordingly, the Ministry initially granted 6 months extension of the validity of EC vide letter dated 8.6.2017.

3. Thereafter, your request for remaining 2½ years for the project has been examined by EAC in its meetings held on 24.10.2017 and 5.12.2017. The EAC duly considered the relevant documents submitted by you and have recommended for extension of the validity of EC for remaining period of 2½ years for the project. Accordingly, the Ministry hereby accords extension of the validity of the EC for remaining 2½ years i.e. from 8.11.2017 to 8.4.2020 to Kundah HEP (500 MW) in Nilgiri District of Tamil Nadu by M/s. Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd, Government of Tamil Nadu with the following conditions:

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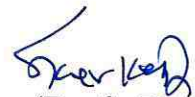
- i. PP should be careful while developing the project in a single unit (500 MW = 4x125 MW) and not as an phased manner taking into consideration of all norms as prescribed by CEA/CWC from time to time and should be strictly adhered to.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. S. Kerketta)
Director(IA.I)

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti, Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Power, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai - 600 001
3. The Secretary, Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai - 600 001
4. The Chief Engineer, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
5. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (SR), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Office (SEZ), 1st and 2nd Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034.
6. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board, 76-Mount salai, Gundy, Chennai - 600 032.
7. Guard file/Monitoring file.
8. Website of MoEF&CC.



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