

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 3rd February, 2021

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Assam,
Dispur.

Sub: Proposal of Diversion of 238 hectare for Relocation of the Forest Village Laika In Dibru-Saikhowa National Park, Tinsukia (online proposal No-FP/AS/REHAB/120428/2021)-Reg

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Assam letter no. FRS.4/2021/26 dt 27.01.2021 with respect to the above-mentioned subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard it is informed that after the preliminary scrutiny of the proposal certain shortcomings were observed in the Ministry as listed below:-

- i. The State Govt. is requested to upload/forward the KML file of Laika Forest village, which is being relocated from Dibru-Saikhowa National Park.
- ii. Agriculture land and small construction is visible in different parts of the proposed forest land. In the site inspection report of the DFO, it is mentioned that the area proposed for diversion has encroachments. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to provide its comments/justification.
- iii. The State Govt. is requested to submit the approved Rehabilitation & Resettlement plan.
- iv. As per Form A Part-II in Parivesh Portal, point 8 wrt Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view it has been mentioned that:-
 - a. Elephants move through this area,
 - b. The area proposed for diversion is a part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc.,
 - c. The area proposed for diversion is located within 1 Km. from boundary of

national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc.,

- d. It is mentioned that Elephants move through this areas and there could some man animal conflict in namphai.
- e. It is also mentioned that rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. But the details of the same is not provided.

The State government is requested provide its comments/justification with respect to all the points (a) to (e) mentioned above.

- v. The State government is also requested to forward the comments of Chief Wildlife warden.

In view of the above, the Government of Assam is requested to furnish the above mentioned information/documents to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Assam, Dispur.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Guwahati.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Assam, Dispur.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.