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F. No. 3-MN C 041/2021-SHI 3564-65

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सेवामे,

अतिरिक्तप्रमुखसचिव / Addl. Chief Secretary,
वन और पर्यावरण विभा/ Forest and Environment Department
मणिपुर की सरकार / Government of Manipur,
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Sub : Proposal for diversion of 54.933 Ha of Forest Land for construction of two lane with paved shoulder of Old Tamenglong-Phelong Section (Package-III) from Km 31.430 to Km 43.480 of Tamenglong- Mahur Road in the state of Manipur on EPC mode by NHIDCL.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government of Manipur letter No.F.27/54/2021-For & Emt. dated 23.01.2021 on the subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of of 54.933 Ha of forest land for construction of two lane with paved shoulder of Old Tamenglong - Phelong Section (Package-III) from Km 31.430 to Km 43.480 of Tamenglong- Mahur Road in the state of Manipur on EPC mode by NHIDCL was sought, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examination of the proposal and on the basis of the recommendation of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) on 20.08.2021, the Central Government, MoEF&CC, IRO, Shillong accorded Stage-I approval vide letter No. 3-MN C 041/2021-SHI /1661-62 dated 28.10.2021 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Manipur vide letter No.F.27/54/2021-For & Emt/211 dated 06.03.2023 and payment of compensatory levies through NEFT/RTGS Challan dated 24.11.2021 & 09.06.2022, the **Final approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **54.933 Ha** of Forest Land for construction of two lane with paved shoulder of Old Tamenglong - Phelong Section (Package-III) from Km 31.430 to Km 43.480 of Tamenglong- Mahur Road in the state of Manipur on EPC mode by NHIDCL, subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the Forest Department over double degraded forest area i.e. **110 ha** identified the State Forest Department in 3 (three) patches i.e. 40 ha in Namtiram Part-I, Impa Block/Compartment, 40 ha in Namtiram Part-II, Impa Block/Compartment and 30 ha in Upper Sonpram, Tharon Block/Compartment in Tamenglong Forest Division; As far as possible, mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
3. The amount deposited by the User Agency at Rs. 30.0 lakhs is to be used by the State Forest Department only for establishment of an Integrated Check Post / Transit Camp to monitor illegal activities along with camp as recommended by the REC.
4. The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC works, the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details.
5. The user agency shall provide proper drainage of retaining / breast wall in steep slopes and stabilization of side slope to avoid soil erosion and landslides; and to provide drains / cross drains. Physical barriers / structures to prevent muck from entering streams & rivers and other ecologically sensitive areas are to be constructed on the lower slope side, if required, before any construction works are started.

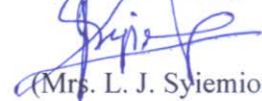
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6. The State Government shall direct the User Agency shall undertake avenue plantation with RET species, fruit bearing plants and other native species of ecological and economic importance and that the State Forest Department shall solicit the active participation of JFMC for nursery raising and production of Quality Planting materials for the plantations.
7. The State Forest Department and User Agency shall jointly identify activities in consultation with concerned villagers for construction of wayside amenities like waiting sheds, marketing sheds etc. along the highway for the benefit of villagers and incorporate into the proposal, if found necessary.
8. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
9. The overburden shall not be dumped outside the diverted land. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
10. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector, if required.
11. **User agency may raise strip plantation on both sides of the road as per the IRC norms as per the fund deposited by the User Agency.**
12. **Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.**
13. **The user agency shall provide suitable under / over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW / NBWL / FAC / REC, if applicable.**
14. The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
15. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
16. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
17. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
18. The boundary of the diversion forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
19. Wherever possible and technically feasible, User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the road within the area diverted under this approval.
20. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution materials for execution of the project work.
21. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
22. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
23. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
24. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
25. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
26. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.

27. The User Agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.
28. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year;
29. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
30. This approval may be revoked, if, the above conditions of approval is not complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.
31. Any other conditions as may be found appropriate in future for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.

This is issued with approval of Deputy Director General of Forests (C).

Yours faithfully,


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