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To

The Principal Secretary,
Environment & Forests Department,
Government of Assam,
Dispur, Guwahati.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 23.547 ha of forest land for construction of 4 lanning road project from Gohpur to Holongi(NH-52 A) under Gohpur Reserve Forest by NHIDCL.

Sir,

This has reference to the State Govt letter No. FRS.3/2016/2 dated 04.02.2016 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of 23.547 ha of forest land for construction of 4 lanning road project from Gohpur to Holongi(NH-52 A) under Gohpur Reserve Forest by NHIDCL, was sought in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Assam by the Regional Empowered Committee held on 15.04.2016 and its recommendation, I am to inform that "**In Principle Approval**" is hereby granted under Section 2 of the FCA, 1980 for diversion of 23.547 ha of forest land for construction of 4 lanning road project from Gohpur to Holongi(NH-52 A) under Gohpur Reserve Forest by NHIDCL in the State of Assam subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation of 48 ha of degraded forest land located in Singlijan RF, Sonitpur East Division in Sonitpur District to the Adhoc CAMPA through State Forest Department.
- (ii) The State Govt shall charge the Net Present Value of the forest land diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guideline issued by this Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2001-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.
- (iii) The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization/revision of the same by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (iv) All the above funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred preferably through RTGS in the newly opened State -specific

saving Bank Account of the Ad-hoc CAMPA Fund (CAF) in New SB Account No CA SB01025200 of Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003 or Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar Branch, New Delhi, 110003 (New SB A/c No. 344902010105 409).

- (v) The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the project provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required under the said Act.
- (vi) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (vii) The felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of State Forest Department Forest.
- (viii) The User Agency shall bear and deposit the amount of the cost of transportation of the felled trees directly to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (ix) The User Agency shall bear and deposit the amount of the cost of demarcation of the land proposed for diversion directly to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (x) The certificates for the payment in respect to Sl. No. (viii) and (ix) shall be furnished to this office by the user agency.
- (xi) Sufficient quantity of firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (xii) The concerned DFO shall prepare the scheme for raising avenue plantation on both sides of the road and the cost for which shall be borne by the user agency.
- (xiii) The Right of Way to be taken care from the encroachment by the user agency.
- (xiv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person.
- (xv) The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xvi) All other clearance/NOCs under different applicable rules/regulations /local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No.11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.
- (xvii) The User Agency shall bear and deposit the amount of the cost of demarcation of the land proposed for diversion directly to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall demarcate the land proposed for diversion on the ground by erecting at least 4' high cement-concrete pillars duly numbered, forward and backward bearing and distance from pillar to pillar written on the pillars and DGPS co-ordinates to be inscribed on the pillars. The competent authority shall verify and issue a certificate to this effect. Photographs showing permanent boundary pillars with GPS co-ordinates to be submitted.

After receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, final approval will be issued in this regard. Formal transfer of forest land shall not be effected by the State Govt till final approval orders approving the diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

This has the approval of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central).

Yours faithfully,

 20/5/16

(R.L.Sanga)
Conservator of Forests(C)

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