

Imphal the 17th June, 2021

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
North East Regional Office, Law-U-Sib, Lumbatangen,
Near M.T.C. Workshop, Shillong-793 021 (Meghalaya).

Subject: Submission of Proposal for diversion of 5.5 ha of forest land for Quarrying of Sandstone/road metal. Murum and Shaly Earth at Lonchin Village in Kangpokpi District in favour of the Noren Enterprises.

State serial no. of proposal - FP/MN/ORV/44388/2020

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to send herewith a proposal submitted by the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Manipur for diversion of 5.5 ha of forest land for Quarrying of Sandstone/road metal. Murum and Shaly Earth at Lonchin Village in Kangpokpi District in favour of the Noren Enterprises, Manipur seeking diversion of forest land under Section-2(ii) of Forest Conservation Act 1980, for obtaining the approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The details are as follows: -

1. Brief Description:

The proposed project seeks diversion of forest land of Quarrying of Sandstone/road metal, Murum and Shaly Earth at Lonchin Village in Kangpokpi District in favour of the Noren Enterprises, Manipur. As there are many development projects targeted to be implemental in the local demand of roads, railway-line fillings as well as to supply to various government, semi- government and private agencies for construction of civil works, play-ground fillings, embankment for roads etc.

2. Details of forest land proposed for diversion:

The total land involved in the Project proposal is 5.5 ha against a total of 95684.17 ha forest land in the Bishnupur Forest Division. This extent of 5.5 ha is the minimum requirement for the Project. The following Table shows the details of forest land of Bishnupur Forest Division: -



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<i>Classes</i>	<i>Total Forest Area (ha.)</i>	<i>Forest area to be diverted (ha.)</i>
Geographical area of Bishnupur Division	113411.28	
Forest area of the District	95684.17	
(a) Reserved Forests		
(b) Proposed RF/Sanctuary		
(c) Protected Forests	11.58	
(d) Unclassed Forests	33,68.42	5.5
(e) Village Forests	0.00	
(f) Private Forests	0.00	
(g) National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary	0.00	
Total	95684.17	5.5

Total Forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of project</i>	<i>Stage-I approval</i>	<i>Stage-II approval</i>	<i>Area (in ha)</i>
1.	Diversion of 9.00 ha of forest land for widening and up-gradation of Tupul-Bishnupur Road	04/12/2014	30/09/2016	9.00

3. Maps

The User Agency has furnished the relevant Survey of India Topo map showing proposed Project Area in the scale of 1:50,000 and duly signed by the User Agency and the Divisional Forest Officer, Bishnupur Forest Division, Bishnupur.

4. Assessment of forest stock-

The proposed forest land for diversion falls in the Sub-Tropical Semi-Evergreen Forest and will affect 77 Nos. of tees. The Divisional Forest Officer, Bishnupur Forest Division has submitted species-wise and diameter-class-wise enumeration report of the affected trees and the same is enclosed. The ruling crown density of the proposed forest land for diversion varies from 0% to 25% (open to moderately dense forest) and assessed as **Eco-class-1**.

5. Flora and Fauna and Archaeological importance-

The forest under consideration for diversion belongs to the Sub-Tropical Semi-Evergreen Forest. The main floral species found in the forest land for diversion are *Schima wallichii*, *Quercus serreta*, *Pinus kesiya*, *Ficus cunea*, *Bombax ceiba* and *bamboo* etc. Moreover, the area is not important from archaeological view point.

6. Compensatory Afforestation-

The forest land to be diverted for the above project is **5.5 ha** and is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. Since no non-forest lands are available, an area double to the area to be diverted in the degraded forest land has been identified for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) in one patch of unclassified forest of as follows:-

Table showing Forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation

District in Manipur	Forest Division	Range	Block	Compt. No	Area for CA & ANR (in ha)	Working Circle of approved WP
Kangpokpi	Bishnupur	Bishnupur	Leimaram	20	11	Pln. W/Circle

The area is proposed to be reforested under plantation through CA. The Divisional Forest Officer, Bishnupur Forest Division. Bishnupur has drawn-up the CA & ANR Scheme with a financial outlay of ₹ 16.008 lakh (Rupees sixteen lakh and eight) and the same is indicated in **Annexure-XVIII**. The CA Scheme envisages plantation over 11 ha in a single patch. The Divisional Forest Officer, Bishnupur Forest Division, Bishnupur has certified that the area is degraded and suitable for Compensatory Afforestation and the required certificate is furnished herewith as **Annexure-XV**.

The User Agency has furnished Certificate/Undertaking to provide fund for Compensatory Afforestation, Penal Compensatory Afforestation and also to provide fund for Net Present Value (NPV), Addl. Net Present Value (Addl. NPV)

7. **Displacement of human population-**

As per the Project Proposal submitted, no households are likely to be affected directly or indirectly.

8. **Environmental clearance-**

Environmental Clearance will not be required as such Project involving diversion of forest land is not listed in the Schedule of Projects/activities requiring prior environmental clearance vide Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India Notification S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006. The User Agency has furnished regarding the Environment Management Plan and the same is enclosed.

9. **Cost-benefit analysis-**

The cost benefit analysis has been undertaken for Proposed Quarrying of sandstone/ road metal, Murum and Shaly Earth at Lonchin Village, Kangpokpi District, Manipur.

10. **Violation of Forest Conservation Act/Indian Forest Act-**

There has been no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Indian Forest Act. Therefore, Penal Compensatory Afforestation is not proposed.

11. **Recommendation of the State Government-**

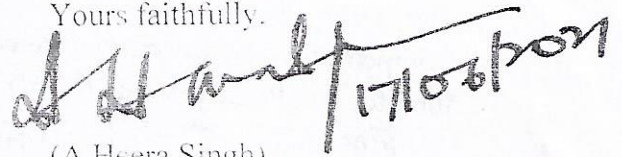
The Divisional Forest Officer, Bishnupur Forest Division and other senior officers have recommended the proposal. No adverse comments on the proposal have been furnished by the officers. The proposed forest-land diversion site is not a part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Sample Plot, Preservation Plot, Ecologically Fragile Zone. The diversion is not likely to affect habitat of any

endemic, threatened species of flora and fauna. The project is not likely to adversely affect the supply of timber, fuel wood, MFP to rural masses. The project will definitely enhance livelihood and socio-economic status of the people fulfilment in the local demand of roads, railway-line fillings as well as to supply to various government, semi- government and private agencies for construction of civil works, play-ground fillings, embankment for roads/rivers etc.

I, would, therefore, request you to kindly convey the approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India under Section 2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 5.5 ha of forest land for Quarrying of Sandstone/road metal, Murum and Shaly Earth at Lonchin Village in Kangpokpi District in favour of the Noren Enterprises.

Encl:- 1. FORM- A (duly filled in PART-I to V) along with Enclosures

Yours faithfully,



(A. Heera Singh)

Under Secretary (For & Emt)
Government of Manipur

Copy to:-

- 1) PPS to Minister (Forest & Environment), Manipur
- 2) Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Manipur
- 3) Addl. Chief Secretary (For & Emt), Govt. of Manipur
- 4) Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Manipur, Imphal
- 5) ✓ USER Agency/ Noren Enterprises
- 6) Guard file