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पर्यावरण और वन विभाग /Department of Environment & Forests,

कुंजावन, अगरतला/ Kunjaban, Agartala.

Sub: Diversion of 1.420 ha of forest land for construction of drill site, waste pit and approach road at location TIAG under District Forest Officer, Sepahijala.

Sir,

This has reference to the State Govt letter No. F.6-1080/FC/For-2015/626-30 dated 19.01.2018 and No. F.6-1080/FC/For-2019/988 dated 07.11.2020 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 21.12.2018 and its recommendation and subsequent approval of Ministry, New Delhi on 31.12.2020 through e-office, In-Principle approval was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 12.01.2021 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the In-Principle Approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government of Govt of Tripura vide letter No. F. 6-10803/FC/For-2015/640-42 dated 08.09.2021 and online payment made by user agency under CAMPA and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan dated 11.03.2021, 'Final Approval' of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **1.420 ha** of forest land for construction of drill site, waste pit and approach road at location **TIAG** under District Forest Officer, Sepahijala, Tripura subject to the following conditions:

(1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

(2) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over **2.48 ha** of degraded forest land identified in CS Plot No. 1343, Khatian No. 6/4 in Kathalia Range, Sonamura Forest Sub Division in Tulatalibari RF in Sepahijala District of Tripura as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme furnished by the State Govt. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

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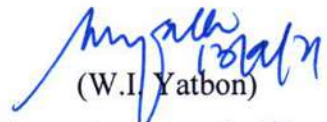


- (3) At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (4) State Govt shall construct double Chain Link Wire Mesh fencing with RCC pillars (height 7 feet) along with RCC embedding at bottom and 3 (three) strands of barbed wire on top around the drill sit for restriction of entry of wild animals specially Bison as per the fund deposited by the user agency as per the recommendation of NBWL on 10.01.2019. The construction to be completed before the start of any drilling works.
- (5) State Govt shall provide alternate grazing land for Bison i.e. plantation of Congo signa grass, fruit bearing species & Kallai bamboo (*Oxytenethera nigociliata*) are to be created for development of wildlife habitat as per the fund deposited by the user agency and the recommendation of NBWL on 10.01.2019.
- (6) The eco-friendly drilling operation with minimum noise level is required to be undertaken at drilling site and movement of vehicles to the drilling locations are to be restricted to avoid any adverse behavioral effect in wildlife animals specially bison as per the recommendation of NBWL on 10.01.2019.
- (7) State Govt shall construct artificial water holes and salt licks for wildlife animals for development of wildlife habitat as per the fund as per the fund deposited by the user agency and the recommendation of NBWL on 10.01.2019.
- (8) The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to Government of India.
- (9) Permanent demarcation of forest land for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
- (10) The user agency shall obtain the mandatory Environment Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986.
- (11) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (12) The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- (13) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (14) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
- (15) The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
- (16) Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of state Forest Deptt.).
- (17) The period of exploratory drilling will be for a period of 3(two) years and in case of non-completion of the drilling, the user agency shall apply for extension through the State Govt 6 (six) months prior to the expiry of approval period.
- (18) The permission for exploratory drilling or prospecting would not ipso facto imply any commitment on the part of Central Govt for diversion of forest land even if minerals/oil/hydrocarbons are struck for mining.



- (19) The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.
- (20) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
- (21) The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (22) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
- (23) 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.
- (24) The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phase manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, forest (Conservation) Act 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concern Dy. Director General(Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.
- (25) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest( Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019.
- (26) The user agency shall comply with 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.
- (27) 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.
- (28) This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.
- (29) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, IRO, Shillong may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

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