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वन एवं पर्यावरण विभाग/ Forest & Environment Deptt. (Forest)
मणिपुर सरकार/ Govt of Manipur,
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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 38.081 ha of forest land for establishment of Manipur University of Culture (MUC)-reg.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter F. No. 27/29/2018-For & Envt dated 22.11.2018, No. 7/228/2018/forests:449 dated 10.07.2024 and No. 27/29/2018-For & Envt dated 05.09.2024 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by the Central Govt, under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal and the recommendation of REC in the meeting held on 30.04.2019, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 20.05.2019 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide Letter No. 7/228/2018/forests:449 dated 10.07.2024 and Letter No. 27/29/2018-For & Envt dated 05.09.2024 and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan and online payment by user agency under CAMPA, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 38.081 ha of forest land for establishment of Manipur University of Culture (MUC), subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.

- 3) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over double degraded forest land i.e., 76.162 ha in Iril Block, Nongmaiching Range, Central Forest Division of Imphal West District as per the funds deposited by the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- 4) The 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.
- 5) There shall be no tree felling in the proposed green belt area of 28.118 ha and it shall be maintained by the user agency.
- 6) The 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 and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- 7) Transplanting of the important tree species effected by the project, wherever possible should be taken up by the Divisional Forest Officer with the logistic support from the user agency.
- 8) The user agency shall use the existing road and no fresh road is to be constructed for the proposed area.
- 9) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the road within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- 10) The user agency shall provide suitable under / over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per recommendations of CWLW / NBWL / FAC / REC, wherever applicable.
- 11) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 12) 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.
- 13) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 14) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- 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 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.
- 18) The user agency will undertake comprehensive soil and water conservation measures at the project cost.
- 19) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
- 20) No damage to the flora fauna of the area shall be caused.

- 21) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.
- 22) The user agency shall provide fuel wood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of trees or buy the fuel wood from the extracted timber from the Forest Department to be used by labourers.
- 23) The user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance under Environment Protection Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 24) The user agency will have to obtain the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of the stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.
- 25) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 26) The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 27) 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.
- 28) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, guideline & clarification, 2023.
- 29) Any other conditions that the Regional Office, Shillong, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

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