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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 39.093 ha of forest land for widening/improvement of Kaying- Tato road from 11.35 km to 19.95 km and 28.60 km to 86.60 km from existing road to NHDL specification by BRTF in Siang and Shi-Yomi District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FOR 3-255/CONS/2021/5852-55 dated 16.10.2023 and No. FOR.3-255/Cons/2021/3590-93 dated 'NIL' 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 30.01.2024, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 22.03.2024 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. FOR. 3-255/Cons/2021/3590-93 dated 'NIL' and its uploading on Ministry's portal on 20.08.2024 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 39.093 ha of forest land for widening/improvement of Kaying- Tato road from 11.35 km to 19.95 km and 28.60 km to 86.60 km from existing road to NHDL specification by BRTF in Siang and Shi-Yomi District of Arunachal Pradesh, subject to the following conditions:

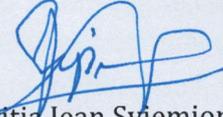
- 1) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.

- 3) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained on double the degraded land of 78.186 ha at Tashi Philley VFR under Mechuka Forest Range of Along Forest Division of Arunachal Pradesh 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) State Govt has promulgated Notification dated 06.12.2016 Section 3A of the Arunachal Pradesh Village Forest Reserve (Constitution and Maintenance) Act, 1975 (Act No.1 of 1976), as amended in 1984 read with Section 4 & 5 of the Assam Forest Regulation, 1891 for declaring CA area in Tashi Philley Village Forest Reserve. The onus of the final declaration as VFR shall lie with the State Govt.
- 5) The charges for felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees should be collected from the User Agency at the rates approved by the State Govt and deposited with the DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of forest land and State Govt shall intimate immediately about the compliance with respect to the amount deposited as per the undertaking furnished by the user agency.
- 6) 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.
- 7) The State Govt shall direct the user agency to undertake avenue plantation with RET species, fruit bearing plants and other native species of ecological and economical 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.
- 8) The State Forest Department and user agency to 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.
- 9) 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.
- 10) Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cutting will be disposed off at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- 11) The muck dumping area shall be stabilized and plantation of suitable species shall be carried out over stabilized dumps on the cost of the user agency under the supervision of State Forest Department.
- 12) The designing of culverts/ bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of the water, does not give rise to water logging and also does not hamper the movement of the wild animals.
- 13) All the site specific engineering structures like retaining walls, breast wall and drainage shall be constructed to avoid any soil erosion and to provide slope stability of the concerned hills.

- 14) 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.
- 15) The User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- 16) The Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.
- 17) The user agency shall provide suitable under / over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per recommendations of CWLW / NBWL / FAC / REC, wherever applicable.
- 18) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 19) 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.
- 20) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 21) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- 22) The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
- 23) 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.).
- 24) 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.
- 25) The user agency will undertake comprehensive soil and water conservation measures at the project cost.
- 26) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.
- 27) No damage to the flora fauna of the area shall be caused.
- 28) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.
- 29) 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.
- 30) The user agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance under Environment Protection Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 31) 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.
- 32) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

- 33) The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 34) 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.
- 35) 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.
- 36) 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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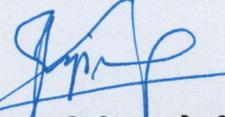


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