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No. CE/AXOM MALA/12/2019/ 14 5

Dated: Guwahati, the October 28, 2022

To,

Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 O/o the PCCF&HoFF, Assam Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari Guwahati – 781037, Assam

Sub: Reply to the Query Generated by Nodal Officer sought on 3rd August, 2021 for improvement and upgradation of Jogighopa to Swahid Bedi (near Bongaigaon) Road under Asom Mala

Ref: (i) Forest Proposal No. FP/AS/ROAD/46680/2020 dated 25th June, 2020

(ii) Essential details sought (EDS) dated 3rd August, 2021

Sir,

With reference to the above, I have the honour to furnish the Essential Details Sought for the application of forest land diversion proposal. The details of compliance are presented below:

SI. No.	Query generated	Compliance
1.	C-(ii)-(a)- After verification of the KML file, it is revealed that the proposed area for diversion seem to exclude few parts of the forest area and include few parts of the non-forest area. Further, the width of the road received via email is wider than the road originally present in the ground.	C-(ii)-(a)-Proposed area of forest diversion has been revised after joint field verification with the concerned officials of the PWRD and Aie Valley Forest Division on 09.08.2021 and updated KML file has been uploaded.
2.	C-(iii)- The uploaded SOI toposheet (1:50000) map indicating the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forestry use seem to exclude few parts of the forest area and include few parts of the non-forest area. Further, the width of the road received via e-mail is wider than the road originally present in the ground.	C-(iii)- Proposed area of forest diversion has been revised after joint field verification with the concerned officials of the PWRD and Aie Valley Forest Division on 09.08.2021 and updated SOI toposheet has been uploaded.
3.	C-(iv)- The uploaded Geo-Referenced map indicating the forest land proposed to be diverted for non- forestry use seem to exclude few parts of the forest area and include few parts of the non-forest area. Further, the width of the road received via e-mail is wider than the road originally present in the ground.	C-(iv)-Proposed area of forest diversion has been revised after joint field verification with the concerned officials of the PWRD and Aie Valley Forest Division on 09.08.2021 and updated Geo-referenced map has been uploaded.
4.	L-(i) – The comment against 'Whether non- forest or Revenue forest land is required to be provided by User Agency' should be 'Yes'.	L-(i)- Noted and Complied

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5.	L-(iii)- Reason for not providing the non- forest land must be specified.	L-(iii) -Non-forest land has been provided for compensatory afforestation.
6.	Please clarify the difference between existing RoW reflected in the Google Earth and the statement of RoW as 12 meter which will result in inclusion of more forest area. It is advised to calculate the forest area involved taking into account of the actual PWD road present on the ground.	Existing ROW has been revised after joint field verification with the concerned officials of the PWRD and Aie Valley Forest Division on 09.08.2021.
7.	A joint survey with DFO, Aie Valley is suggested for verifying the forest area as reflected/shown in C(ii)-(a), C(iii) and C-(iv)	As suggested joint survey has been conducted with the concerned officials of the PWRD and Aie Valley Forest Division on 09.08.2021 and forest stretches required for diversionhas been verified.

I request you to consider the forest proposal for early clearance.

Yours faithfully,

EE, PWRD and Nodal Officer, Asom Mala O/o the Chief Engineer (EAP), PWRD Assam Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati-25