

PART-III

(TO BE FILLED UP BY THE CONCERNED CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS)

Proposal Name: **Diversion of 19.52 Ha for Golden Pagoda at Namsai**
Reference: FOR.14/Cons/2020/5354-57 dt. 27.12.2021
 FOR.14/Cons/2020/243-46 dt. 28.1.2022

14.	Whether site, where the Forest Land involved is location has been inspection by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes/No) if, yes. Date of inspection & observations in the form of inspection note to be enclosed.	<p>No as the site is 19.5 Ha so it is not mandatory from the FCA point of view.</p> <p>However, I have crossed the site a number of times while going and coming to Tezu as it is on the way near the road. I have also seen the Golden Pagoda Buddha Mandir as a visitor.</p> <p>I have also seen the area with the visiting Heads of States, Central Govt. Ministers, State Ministers, Chief Secretary and other visiting dignitaries.</p>
15.	Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	<p>I agree with the comments of DCF which are apparently based on literature provided by UA.</p> <p>The historical facts submitted by the UA and the point wise reply submitted by Deputy Commissioner Namsai vide his No. NLM -19/2004-05/5200 dt. 18.03.2022 highlights the religious background and importance of Tengapani river bank, the sacred hillock called Noi-Chenam and the place of worship of Theravada sect of Buddhism where Golden Pagoda called Kongmu-Kham is situated.</p>
16.	Specific recommendation of concerned Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	<p>The UA has quoted several excerpts from history/ literature about the migration of Khamtis to the banks of river Tengapani near Noi-Chenam Hillock about 500 years back, their religion and place of worship to practice Theravada Sect of Buddhism since then in the hillocks of Tengapani called Noi-Chenam Hillock where the Golden Pagoda called Kongmu-Kham is located.</p> <p>As the relocation of any revered religious site of any religion to an alternate site is usually met with stiff resistance which may lead to ethnic strife and since the area is already broken up and also being used for worship so the proposal is recommended for consideration as a fate-accomplish subject to penal provisions as laid out in the handbook of FCA guidelines at 1.21 (i) (a) on exceptional circumstances of religious belief and a history ranging 5 decades to justify condonation, if permissible and deem fit.</p>

Date: 02 / 04 / 2022

Place: Tezu

Signature :

Name : TARUN JOHRI, IFS

Designation: Chief Conservator of Forests, Tezu

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