PART-IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest department)

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

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As per the report of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, cum CHD, Forest, BTC, Kokrajhar & Divisional Forest Officer, Haltugaon Division, the proposed area falls within the buffer zone of Manas Tiger Reserve and 8.36 KM away from Raimona National Park. However the ESZ of Raimona National Park has not yet been notified. Moreover there will not be any impact on flora and fauna in the area as it is a River Bed and the mining will be done as per approved Mining Plan and under Forest Department's strict vigilance. The proposed activity is hand collection of minor minerals from river bed. The quarry is likely to fulfill the needs of Minor Mineral and support the Major and Minor Developmental activities of various Govt. Departments/Private Sectors and thus generate revenue to the Govt. exchequer without any damage to Forest and Environment and it may also create employment opportunities improving economic condition of the local people provided mitigative measures are implemented by the User Agency as per guidelines.

In view of the above, the forest diversion proposal of 6.90 Ha. of forest land for operation of Dholpani RF Mahal in Chirang Reserved Forest under Haltugaon Division in favour of Sri Swgwmsar Machahary, Kokrajhar is hereby recommended.

Date: - 17/6/2023

Place: Gaby

(Dr. C Muthukumaravel, IFS)

Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and

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