ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF DFO CHAMPHAI IN CONNECTION WITH VIOLATION OF THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT,1980 AND MIZORAM (FOREST) ACT,1955 DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF NH-6 (TUIVAWL-DULTE)

Name of	Construction	Action Taken
Road	Agency	Action Taken
NH-6 (Tuivawl - Dulte)	Anusha Project Private Limited (APPL) under NHIDCL	Vide DFO office letter No.D.11012/1/2008/FDC/348 Dt.20.10.2020, NHIDCL was informed that machineries meant for road construction were stationed on the bank of river Tuivawl and clearing of roadside vegetation for widening of NH-6 from the bank of river Tuivawl towards Dulte has been initiated without applying clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. NHIDCL was also informed not to start widening of the road until approval of the competent authority under the FCA is obtained. Copy of the letter was also given to the PCCF. Copy of the letter is marked as appendix-1.
		In the PCCF letter No.B.22015/1/2020-FC/PCCF/304-305 Dt.6.12.2023, it is stated that NHIDCL uploaded the project proposal on PARIVESH portal on Dt.29.12.2020. This implies that violation has taken place well before proposal is uploaded. DFO letter Dt.20.10.2020 clearly explains the situation. Photographs taken on Dt.14.11.2020 attached also proved that widening work had been taken up well before 29.12.2020.
		Report on violation of the provision of the FCA was also submitted to the PCCF vide letter No.D.11012/1/2008-FDC/265 Dt.18.8.2022 in which it was clearly reported that violation was first detected on Dt.20.10.2020.
		Vide letter No.D.11012/1/2008-FDC/399 dt.18.11.2020, Deputy General Manager, NHIDCL was requested not to continue any non forest activity on forest/forest land unless formal approval of competent authority is accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980. Copy of the letter is marked as appendix-II.
		A meeting was held in DC Conference Hall, Khawzawl on Dt. 26.11.2020 wherein it was well clarified that forest clearance has to be obtained on forest lands falling under Tuivawl Riverine Reserve Forest for the purpose of widening and improvement of NH-6. Copy of the letter is marked as appendix-III.

Further, vide this office letter No.D.11012/1/2008-FDC/133 dt.16.3.2021, NHIDCL was requested to provide a copy of muck disposal plan for rehabilitation and upgradation of NH-6 for further submission to higher office and also to conduct monitoring. Copy of the letter is marked as *appendix-IV*.

Vide this office letter No.D.11012/1/2008-FDC/1010 dt.7.12.2021, the NHIDCL was once again informed not to execute non forest activity on forest land until formal approval is accorded under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980. Copy of the letter is marked as *appendix-V*.

In addition to above points, NHIDCL was also requested to refer to this office letter No.D.11014/5/2021-FDC/1157 dt.28.3.2022 vide which request was made to refrain from initiating any construction works (on NH-06 and NH-102B) till the forest clearance is granted in respect of the project proposal as this will be a direct violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Copy of the letter is marked as *appendix-VI*.

NHIDCL was also requested (vide this office letter No.B.13015/4/2017-FDC/315 dt.16.7.2021) to pay Rs.21,59,815/- in lieu of damage of the plantation raised by Saichal VFDC, Dulte VFDC and Pawlrang VFDC under Green India Mission (GIM) caused by widening of NH-6 and NH-102B. Copy of the letter is marked as *appendix-VII*.

Vide letter No.B.13015/4/2021-FDC/887 dt.14.9.2021, NHIDCL was also requested to pay Rs.3,51,636/- for raising of compensatory plantation in lieu of damage caused by the road construction inside Puilo VFDC under Green India Mission(GIM). Copy of the letter is marked as *appendix-VIII*.

Vide this Office letter No.D.11012/1/2008-FDC/121 dt.26.5.2022, NHIDCL was informed to explain the reason why all request made by DFO mentioned in the above paras were not given importance. NHIDCL was also informed to immediately suspend all non forest activities on forest areas and submit compliance report to the undersigned and also to explain the reason why the undersigned will not report violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act by the company. It was also informed to pay compensation for the environmental loss caused by the project implementation. Copy of the letter is marked as *appendix-IX*.

Site inspection was conducted by DFO and RO on 24.6.2022 in presence of Shri.PV Rama Kumar, General Manager, Anusha Project(P) Ltd and Dulte VFDC representatives. Site inspection report containing directions given are as in *appendix-X*. Show cause notice was served to Pu Tlangdingliana s/o PC Rothuama of Dulte to evict encroachment in Tuivawl RRF area and to take remedial measures for the loss of forest and illegal dumping of spoils copy of a letter is in *appendix-XI*.

NHIDCL was requested (vide letter No.D.11014/5/2021-FDC/386 Dt.10.11.2022) to pay Rs.77,610/- for the value of trees felled due to road widening. Copy of the letter is marked as *appendix-XII*.

Show Cause Notice has also been served to the NHIDCL vide No. D.11014/5/2021-FDC/ Dt.12.01.2023 to explain the reason why request made by us vide various letters were not complied and also to explain within 15 days the reason why legal action for violation of the Mizoram Forest Act, 1955 would not be taken. Copy of the letter is marked as *appendix-XIII*. Response from the NHIDCL is being awaited.

(LALDUHTHLANA)

Divisional Forest Officer

Champhai Forest Division

Champhai, Mizoram