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5h January, 2010

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests--Cum Principal Secretary Dept of Forests, Environment & Wildlife Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Itanaga:

Sub: Proposal for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 14.45 Ha. of forest land for construction of Trans Arunachal Pradesh Highway (NH 52 B) from Pasighat to Pangin (0.00 Km to 20.00 Km) Road by PWD in East Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FOR. 5-31/CONS./2008/28,239-40 dt. 28.10.2009 on the subject mentioned above, seeking approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the FCA, 1980, and to say that the proposal has been examined by

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh, In-principle approval is hereby granted under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 14.45 Ha. of forest land for construction of Trans Arunachal Pradesh Highway (NH 52 B) from Pasighat to Pangin (0.00 Km to 20.00 Km) Road by PWD in East Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh, subject to the following conditions:

> The User Agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over (i) 29.00 Ha of degraded forest land identified at Pasighat Station Reserve under Pasighat Forest Division to the Adhoc CAMPA through State Forest Department. (ii)

Demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance from pillar to

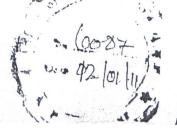
pillar superscribed on the pillars.

The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the forest area (iii) diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.

All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Adhoc CAMPA in account No. 1601 of of either Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, New Delhi 110003 (RTGS / IFSC No. CORP0000371) or Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar Branch New Delhi 110003 (RTGS / IFSC No. UBIN0534498).

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the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization/revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Chief Wildlife Warden will prepare a plan for conservation and (vi) preservation of flora and fauna of the area in consultation with the experts and suggest mitigative measures. Attention will be particularly given to providing safe crossing and corridors for Wildlife species and protecting sensitive habitats like wetlands, grasslands and woodlands from degradation. Where canopy continuity is required for particular species, special measures shall be prescribed by the CWLW for providing crossing points. Where certain trees used for nesting/rookeries of species like birds of prey, herons, storks, hombills etc. are to be destroyed, alternative structures shall be provided and the trees transplanted. This conservation plan will be implemented by the State Govt, at the cost pf the User Agency.

Wherever possible and technical feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost. Accordingly State Forest Deptt, shall prepare a plan and estimate for such additional tree planting in consultation with user agency.

The muck generated in the earth cuttings 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. The muck disposal plan, prepared in consultation with the State Forest Department will be submitted to the Regional Office, Shillong along with the compliance report. (ix)

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

The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum within the (x) ROW, preferably not extending to 15 m width. (xi)

The user agency shall enumerate the number of trees protected by above

restrictions and indicate before the State-II clearance.

An Inter Departmental Monitoring Team will be formed to monitor the implementation of the conditions of the approvals granted under the FCA because the road is falling within the jurisdiction of different divisions.

After receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, formal approval will be issued in this regard. Formal transfer of forest land shall not be affected by the State Govt. till final approval orders approving the diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government,

Yours faithfully,

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